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Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, January 8, 1873.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

It having been officially announced that the successor of Gen. F. W. Walker, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, would not be appointed until the return of Secretary Delano, the numerous applicants for the position have been quietly studying the situation and strengthening their position.

The reason for General Walker's resignation was the labor connected with the position, the responsibility of disbursing some five or six million dollars, and the meagre salary. An effort, seconded by the Secretary of the Interior, was made to induce Gen. O. O. Howard to accept the position, but its acceptance would have involved his resignation of his position in the army, which is for life, and at a higher salary. He firmly declined the honor.

Gen. Cowen, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, was spoken of in this connection, but his present position being a honorable one, and paying a higher salary and giving him much of the time the control of Commissioner, he did not consider the question of acceptance, and when informally offered him he most peremptorily declined it. A number of names are using all the influence they can command are A. O. Aldes, of Vermont, Chairman of the Southern Claims Commission, who is said to be supported by Senators Edwards and Conkling. Gen. Allen, by Senator Hoar and Delegation; Dr. Weeks, of New York, by Senator Hitchcock; Captain Alvord, of Virginia, supported by no one in particular, and some western man supported by Senator Pomeroy. There are quite a number of other applicants, but these are the most prominent.

It is probable that none of these will be appointed, but that some gentleman who has not yet been mentioned in connection with the position and who is not seeking the office will be appointed.

THOSE LIBERAL CHAIRMEN.

There are three chairmen of important House Committees who deserted the Republican party during the late Presidential campaign and went over to the Democracy, where they did all that lay in their power to defeat the party that put them into Congress. Their names are John F. Farnsworth, of Illinois, chairman of the Committee on Post-offices and Post-roads; N. P. Banks, of Massachusetts, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and Austin Blair, of Michigan, chairman of the Committee of Claims. The Democratic gentlemen were elected to their chairmanships the first day of the session, but they had thought best to take a different course. It is stated that a Liberal caucus was held among the Democrats, in which it was decided that Gen. Banks should offer, in open session, without notice, to resign his chairmanship. It was pretty clearly seen that if Gen. Banks, being the most popular man in the House, should spring the matter of his resignation as expected upon the House, a majority of the members would, acting upon the impulse of the minute, refuse to accept it; and a convenient excuse would thus be afforded the Liberals for not offering their resignations at all.

It worked precisely as was expected. The House being taken unawares refused to accept the resignation tendered by General Banks, and Messrs. Farnsworth and Blair did not even offer to give up their Chairmanships.

There has been some talk of a resolution instructing the Speaker to appoint new Chairmen for the Committees in question, but Credit Mobilier, and other exciting topics have thus far prevented its being brought forward.

By the rules of all legislative bodies, the chairmen of the most important committees have been, to the party in power. The present House pushes this principle further, and three of its most important committees headed by the opposition.

THE PITTSBURGH SIGNAL STATION.

The chief signal officer, in his regular annual report, makes the following favorable mention of the Pittsburgh station:

The office has remained in the First National Bank building, at the corner of Fifth avenue and Wood street, the only change made being the removal from one small room to two others on the same floor, better adapted for the office business.

Four thousand three hundred and fifty-eight bulletins have been issued, some of which were telegraphed to the press and published in whole or in part.

Fifteen reports were received here until July 1. From that date to August 21 the reports from river stations only were received each afternoon, but since the resumption of the full system sixteen reports are received regularly three times each day.

The station has been twice inspected since last report, once in January and again in March. Some slight irregularities were found to exist on both occasions, and immediately corrected. The instrument-shelter is a reduced copy of the observatory pattern, adopted by the central office, and answers the purpose satisfactorily. The wind-vane (large pattern), rain-gauge and anemometer are well exposed on the roof of the building. River reports are made regularly from this station, the gauge used being the standard one constructed by the city authorities, on the banks of the Monongahela, a short distance above its junction with the Allegheny. Considerable interest is manifested in the service, especially by members of the press and of the Pilots' Association, and a strong desire expressed for the establishment of additional stations on the upper waters of the two rivers forming the Ohio. The probabilities are published whenever received, and the river reports regularly.

Sergeant L. M. Crist was in charge until received, December 27, 1871, for failure to forward his monthly reports; Sergeant George N. Hollister from that date until transferred to the central office, May 4, and Sergeant W. E. Smith, who succeeded him, still remains.

Private H. Barton was on duty as assistant until ordered in for promotion, June 17, when he was relieved by Private William Flun.

Reports have latterly been forwarded regularly and in proper form, and the station is reported in good condition.

LETTER CARRIER SERVICE.

During the last fiscal year, 1,678,554 mail and 219,793 local letters and 1,905,261 newspapers were delivered by the letter carriers in the city of Pittsburg; 1,437,652 letters were collected, on which $8,962.34 postage had been paid. The expense of the letter carriers' service was $15,793.52.

FIRE ANNIHILATORS

The Senate Committee on Patents failed to meet yesterday from lack of a quorum. At its next meeting it will consider the matter of the Babcock Fire Annihilator.

This is a case of an application made by one Graham, of Virginia, in 1837, for a patent on a fire annihilator, invented by him, and if granted, will permit the Commissioner of Patents now to issue a patent on said invention to Graham's heirs. The application is resisted by most of the companies engaged in the manufacture of such machines, all of which embrace to a greater or less degree the principles of Graham's invention. The case is set for trial before the committee on Tuesday next at 10 o'clock.

THE CHINESE INDEMNITY FUND.

Hon. Fernando Wood, from the House Foreign Affairs Committee, made another attempt to get at the Chinese Indemnity Fund yesterday by the bill authorizing the Attorney General to examine into the claims of several insurance companies—the Sun, Mercantile and New York of New York, and the Globe of Boston, against the Chinese Indemnity Fund. These claims arose in this way. The above named companies insured a large amount of goods in the barque Chaldea, which was bound from New York to Hong Kong, China. The trip was nearly made when head winds set in, and the barque was stranded near the Ladrone Islands, China, where it laid for some time, the weather doing the contents much damage, as also the vessel. While laying there it was boarded by Chinese pirates, who with sling-pots and other articles of piratical warfare drove the crew off and captured the vessel and its contents. The insurance companies, it is claimed, paid up their losses, and then put in a claim against the Chinese Indemnity fund. Their claims were adjudicated by a special commission appointed for the purpose. They were awarded only a part of the vessel and contents, by the commission, who held that the weather was responsible for a great deal of the damage, and had it not been for the pirates they would have lost all.

What the insurance companies now want is to get the balance due them, as they claim that they paid up their losses in full, and that the Chinese indemnity fund should be used to repay them.

The bill, after much discussion, was recommitted to the committee, where it will slumber until the next Congress at least.

THE SYNDICATE QUESTION.

Joseph Patterson, President of the Western Bank of Philadelphia, and William B. Duncan, of Duncan, Sherman & Co., of New York, appeared before the Committee on Ways and Means to-day, by invitation, and gave their views of the syndicate. Secretary Boutwell was present. These gentlemen engaged the attention of the committee over two hours, but until the official report is promulgated, no correct report of the argument can be obtained, as newspaper reporters and agents of the Associated Press were rigidly excluded. The action of the Chairman, Dawes, in this wholesale exclusion of press representatives, is strongly condemned.

PACIFIC RAILROAD TELEGRAPH RATES TO THE GOVERNMENT.

Hon. William Whiting, late Solicitor of the War Department and Congressman-elect from Boston, will appear before the Appropriation Committee to-morrow, by invitation, and make an explanation of the United States laws appertaining to the telegraph lines along the Kansas, Union, and Central Pacific Railroads, and branches. He will prepare a radical change in the laws relating to the payment of Government rates along these lines. DIAMOND.

[By Associated Pr ss.]

WASHINGTON, January 8, 1873.

CREDIT MOBILIER INVESTIGATION.

The Credit Mobilier Investigating Committee met this morning. All the members were present excepting Banks. The cross-examination of John B. Alley was resumed.

REFUNDING OF SIX PER CENT. BONDS.

William B. Duncan, of the banking firm of Duncan, Sherman & Co., of New York, and Mr. Joseph Patterson, senior member of the banking firm of Patterson & Co., of Philadelphia, appeared before the Committee on Ways and Means this morning, in response to an invitation by the committee, and expressed their views of the subject of refunding the six per cent. into five per cent. bonds.

NEXT YEAR'S INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS.

The estimate of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the expenses of that office for the next fiscal year have been sent to the Committee on Appropriations. The entire estimate amounts to $4,700,009, but of that amount nearly $2,500,000 are to pay gaugers-and storekeepers under the act of June 6, 1872.

GENERAL MEADE'S SUCCESSOR.

The Senate, in executive session to-day, confirmed the nomination of Irvin McDowell as Major General in the army, vice Meade, deceased.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

For the Middle States, winds shifting to northwesterly and southwesterly, with clear and clearing weather on Thursday.

NEW YORK.

Secretary Fish on the Cuban Revolution —Fiendish Plot to Fire Buildings—The New Charter—Stokes Remanded—Seven Jurors Obtained in Tweed's Case.

NEW YORK, January 8, 1873.

THE NEW CHARTER.

The new charter for this city, prepared under the auspices of the Republican General Committee, will be presented to the Legislature tomorrow. There is a probability that this charter will be adopted. Although many of the fundamental principles recommended in the charter proposed by the Committee of Seventy are included in this charter, it does not comprise the provisions on the minority representation in the municipal elections in the spring, and one or two other points which the charter of the Committee of Seventy had adopted.

FIENDISH PLOT TO FIRE BUILDINGS.

It was discovered yesterday that a Mr. Kidd, a twine merchant in Murray street, had a train of fuse connecting his premises with adjoining property, whereby it could be set on fire. Kidd was arrested, and his office boy testified to seeing him making the fuses. Three large warehouses were involved in this attempt, and but for the discovery a heavy conflagration would have ensued, as the trains of fuse were nearly all laid in the upper stories, and from roof to roof.

SECRETARY FISH ON THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.

Secretary Fish is reported to have said yesterday that the Cuban revolutionists, not having gained any more ground than they possessed three years ago, are not any more entitled to belligerent rights now than they were then. He also said that our Government has no scheme of annexation in sending a naval force to the Sandwich Islands.

STOKES REMANDED.

Stokes was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Brennan to-day, and he immediately placed the Deputies in charge of the prisoner, who may be removed to the well furnished cell occupied by him before the sentence.

JURORS IN TWEED'S CASE.

Seven jurors have been obtained in Tweed's case.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

RIOT IN DERBY.

LONDON, January 8.—While Charles Dilke was speaking on the subject of "Land and People," in Derby, last night, a mob attempted to disperse the meeting. The adherents of Dilke resisted and a severe struggle ensued. Several persons were injured and many windows broken. The fighting lasted more than an hour and great excitement prevailed. Order was at length restored and the meeting brought to a close. A large crowd arrived with stones and brickbats and escorted the speaker and his wife to their hotel.

NAPOLEON'S CONDITION BECOMING WORSE.

Dispatches from Chiselhurst at three o'clock this afternoon say that Napoleon is worse. It is reported that a meeting of Bonapartists is to be held at Chiselhurst relative to the course to be pursued in the event of the death of the Ex Emperor.

LONDON, January 7.—*Midnight.*—A dispatch from Chiselhurst to-night says Napoleon's sufferings are acute. His strength and endurance are great.

SPAIN.

CAPTAIN GENERAL LATORRE'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

MADRID, January 8.—Zorilla, President of the Council, yesterday presented his signature to the decree accepting the resignation of Capt. General Latorre, of Porto Rico, and appointing General Flores his successor.

ITALY.

ADVANCE OF PROTESTANTISM.

ROME, January 8.—The pioneer Protestant church in this city was consecrated to-day, seven American clergymen taking part in the ceremonies.

THE RIVERS.

Daily report of the stage of water, with changes in the 24 hours, ending 3 P. M., January 8, 1873.

OFFICE OBSERVATION, SIGNAL SERVICE U. S. A., Pittsburgh, Pa., January 8, 1873.

	ABOVE LOW WATER. FEET.	INCHES.	CHANGES. RISE.	FALL.
St. Louis	9	6	0	0.11
Pittburgh	8	2	0	1 7
Cincinnati	36	2	1	6 0 0
Louisville	10	7	0	5 0 0
Memphis	5	1	0	0 0 0
Vicksburg	9	6	0	0 0 0
Shreveport	3	11	0	0 0 1
Nashville	16	5	0	1 0 0
N. Orleans	13	7	0	0 0 0

W. E. SMITH,
Observer Sig. Ser. U. S. Army.

LOUISVILLE, KY., January 8.—10 feet 6 inches in the canal, and 8 feet 6 inches in the chute. Rising this evening. Clear and cold. The Tarascon came up from Tell City. The Mary Houston left for New Orleans, going over the falls. The Nick Longwood laid up at Utica, eight miles above, at 5 o'clock this evening, to be down in the morning. Hiram Hill, the diver, says the Buell lies a mile below the Madison wharf boat, with seven feet of water on the main deck. Her break runs from forward of the hatch to the shaft. The starboard side is completely smashed in. She cannot be raised till the water falls. The ice was running tolerably heavy this morning, but was soft and thinning out rapidly this afternoon. The following is a list of boats caught by R. C. Varlide & Co. during the ice flood: By the tug Magnolia—Coal boat R. R. & S. No. 7; Barges, Raymond No. 13, Peytonia Cannel No. 12, D. & C., Joe Walton No. 9; by the tug W. J. May—Barges, Joe Walton Nos. 15 47 and 170, Hornet and W. H. Brown, no numbers, Storm 34, Lysle & Son 47; coalboats, D. A. & J. S. McDonald 78; J. H. Small, boat M. B. and tanbark boat; by the steamer Robin, about twenty boats and barges. No names given since the former report. When last heard from the Robin was going on down the river, catching and landing a fleet of twenty-five, which passed this point last night.

EVANSVILLE, January 8.—Clear and cold; mercury 26 to 32, and falling. River rising rapidly, risen 18 inches since last night; full of heavy ice. The Evansville arrived and landed below the dry dock. No boat went out. Three barges passed down adrift to-day and landed below the city.

CAIRO, January 8.—No arrivals or departures since noon. River risen over 2 feet. Clear; thermometer 32.

CINCINNATI, January 8.—A dispatch from Aurora says the steamer Juniata was cut down by shore ice and sunk to the boiler guards. She will be raised. The steamer Louisville, at Warsaw, had a hole cut in her hull by ice. She was lightened, repaired and went on.

NEW ORLEANS, January 8.—Arrived—Billy Collins and barge, Arlington and Mary Miller, Evansville; Mollie Moore, St. Louis; Dexter, Cairo; Belle Lee, Memphis. Departed—Edinburg, Arkansas River. Cloudy and pleasant.

VICKSBURG, January 8.—Down—Pargoud and John B. Maude. No boats up today. Clear and cool. River stationary.

GOV. GEARY'S MESSAGE.

Statement of the Finances of the State.

THE BENEFITS OF THE SINKING FUND.

A Geological Survey Recommended.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND AGRICULTURE.

The Question of Compulsory Education.

A BETTER STATE MILITIA SYSTEM NEEDED.

Health vs. Compulsory Vaccination.

PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS AND EXECUTIONS.

Improvement of the Ohio River.

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN 1876.

PARDONS GRANTED DURING THE YEAR.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

GENTLEMEN:—In obedience to the requirements of the Constitution I have the honor of transmitting to you my sixth annual message. Since your last meeting the general course of events, both State and National, has been so propitious as to afford abundant cause for mutual congratulation, and of Thanksgiving to that Almighty Providence whose will controls the destinies of all. While we have been exempt from the calamity by fire that has befallen the metropolis of a great sister State, her misfortune has inured to the benefit of our people by the enlistment of that sympathy for the suffering which is one of the most ennobling sentiments of the human heart. The seasons, though not so favorable for the productions of our soil as in some past years, have been sufficiently fruitful; and no general epidemic has appeared to disturb the pursuits, or fill with sorrow the hearts of our population. Our mining industries, manufactures and internal commerce are being constantly enlarged and extended, and their enterprising proprietors are generally receiving remunerative returns.

A great political conflict has occurred, resulting in a signal triumph of the same principles that were asserted in the restoration of the Union, the amendments of the Constitution, and the reconstruction of the States. The victory in Pennsylvania was decisive of the victory in the Nation; and will ever be remembered as an inestimable contribution to the harmony, prosperity and glory of the country. The election of the soldier, who "is first in war," to the office that makes him "first in peace," was an appropriate tribute of national gratitude, and inspires the deepest feelings of satisfaction "in the hearts of his countrymen."

While the Constitution wisely withholds from the Governor all power of interference in legislation, it imposes upon him the duty of laying before the General Assembly such information of the state of affairs, and recommending to their consideration such measures as he may deem expedient and important to the public welfare.

I am happy to inform you that peace and good order have been maintained by the enforcement of just and equal laws, and the legitimate exercise of authority continues to find an enduring basis of support in the intelligence, affections and moral sense of the people.

FINANCES.

The credit of the State remains unquestioned abroad because her public faith has been inviolably maintained at home. The following condensed statement of the receipts, expenditures and indebtedness of the Commonwealth is respectfully submitted:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury Nov. 30, 1871	$1,476,808 59
Ordinary receipts during the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1872	7,148,637 45
Total in Treasury during year ending Nov. 30, 1872	$8,625,446 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Ordinary expenses paid during year ending Nov. 30, 1872	$2,960,631 55
Loans, &c., redeemed	2,476,326 00
Interest on loans paid	1,706,032 88
Total disbursements	$7,142,990 43
Balance in Treasury Nov. 30, 1872	$1,482,445 61

PUBLIC DEBT.

The public debt on Nov. 30, 1871, was	$28,980,071 73
Add Chambersb'g certificates	299,748 91
Add Agricultural College Land Scrip fund, held in trust, per Act approved April 3, 1872	500,000 00
	$29,779,820 64
Deduct amount paid by Commissioners of the Sinking Fund during the year ending Nov. 30, 1872	2,476,326 00
Public debt Nov. 30, 1872	$27,303,494 64
Deduct assets in Sinking Fund	$9,300,000 00
Add cash balance in Treasury	1,482,455 61
Amount of assets and cash	$10,782,455 61
Balance of public debt unprovided for	$16,521,039 03

which can be extinguished in ten years by the annual payment of one million six hundred thousand dollars.

During the last six years payments on the debt have been made as follows:

Amount paid in 1867	$1,794,644 56
Do. 1868	2,414,816 64
Do. 1869	472,406 18
Do. 1870	1,702,879 05
Do. 1871	2,131,599 17
Do. 1872	2,476,326 00
Total payments	$10,992,662 54

Being a little over *twenty-nine per cent.* on the debt due December 1, 1866, which was then $37,704,409 77.

SINKING FUND.

In remarking upon this subject, I trust it will be instructive to refer, briefly, to some of the facts relating to the accumulation and payment of the public debt, and the origin of the assets arising from the sale of the public improvements.

However wise our predecessors were in opening avenues for trade and commerce, and however great were the benefits resulting to the people from the internal improvements of the State, it is obvious, that while those of other States rarely failed to become sources of revenue, the management of ours was such as to produce results widely different. A large majority of the tax-payers, therefore, after long and patient endurance, becoming dissatisfied with their management, demanded they should be sold; assuming it would be a measure of economy, and would prevent an increase of the public obligations.

The construction of the improvements resulted in a public debt, which, in 1852, reached its maximum, $41,524,875 37. The interest, premiums and other expenses that have been paid upon the debt, from its incipiency to November 30, 1872, sum up $76,845,744 99; and make the entire expenditure on account of the public works, $118,370,620 36.

In pursuance of law the State canals and railroads were sold in 1857, for eleven million dollars in bonds; upon which the State has received $1,709,000 00 in cash, and $9,300,000 00 remain in the hands of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as follows, viz:

Bonds of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, secured by lien on the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad.....$5,800,000 00

Thirty-five bonds of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, each for $100,000, guaranteed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Northern Central Railway Company, and the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company, payable $100,000 annually, beginning January, 1875, bearing 5 per cent. interest from January 1, 1872.....3,500,000 00

Amount of assets.....$9,300,000 00

REMARKS ON THE FOREGOING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

The proper and efficient management of the finances is one of the most important duties of the administration of the State Government. The collection of the revenue; the economical expenditure; the safe keeping of the public moneys, and well guarded appropriation bills, are always questions of deep interest to the taxpayers of the State.

It is a lasting honor to the people of Pennsylvania that they have never, even when struggling under the most oppressive burdens, permitted the integrity of the State to be doubted and now it cannot be otherwise than gratifying to them, to learn the rapid extinguishment of the public indebtedness, the greater part of which was incurred for improvements, which, as herein already shown, utterly failed to be advantageous to her coffers.

The rapid reduction of the State debt and the reduction of taxation have gone hand in hand throughout my entire administration, and have constituted a marked portion of its policy, attesting, at the same time, the concurrence and wisdom of the Legislature, and the fidelity of those who have been the custodians of the public funds.

This policy should be continued, and no attempt to cover up or conceal the actual expenses of the Government should be made for the purpose of obtaining the people's consent to appropriations or enterprises of doubtful propriety; which propositions, if coupled with a condition to raise the money by immediate and direct taxation, would be unhesitatingly rejected.

The Legislative appropriations, during the last six years, made in aid of the various institutions for the support of the deaf, dumb, blind, insane, feeble-minded, friendless, wanderers, orphans, soldiers' homes, hospitals, universities, houses of correction, penitentiaries, and the payment of military expenses, incurred during the war; expenses of government, common schools, and soldiers' orphans' schools, amount to about $17,000,000 00.

The expenses of the soldiers' orphans' schools alone, during the same time, is $3,467,543 11, and, although it is a most noble and patriotic expenditure, it is, nevertheless, an unusual one, and if such a necessity had not existed, the reduction of the State debt, during that period, would have been nearly fifteen million dollars.

During the past six years, the current of legislation has been steadily in favor of reducing taxation. Not only have numerous local laws been enacted, exempting churches, cemeteries, schools, hospitals and other institutions from taxation, but many general laws of the same character have been passed, as is shown by the following enumeration:

By the "act to amend the revenue laws," approved February 23, 1868, all real estate in the Commonwealth was thereafter made exempt from taxation for State purposes.

By the act approved March 30, 1868, all persons who served nine months or upwards in the military service, or who were honorably discharged therefrom by reason of wounds or physical disability contracted therein, and their property, were exonerated from all bounties, and *per capita* & x and military fines.

The act of April 29, 1867, repealed all laws requiring loans of the State on sales of loans and stocks by auctioneers.

By the act of April 10, 1867, all trustees or owners of property to the value of thirty-five thousand dollars, used for soldiers' orphans' schools, were exempted from county, road, city, borough, poor and school taxes.

By the act of April 4, 1868, and the supplements thereto, "all mortgages, judgments, recognizances and moneys owing upon articles of agreement for the sale of real estate," were made "exempt from all taxation, except for State purposes."

By act approved January 3, 1868, all laws therein recited were repealed, which imposed taxes upon the shares of stock held by any stockholder in any institution or company incorporated under the laws of this State, which in its corporate capacity is liable to, and pays into the State Treasury the tax on capital stock imposed by the said laws therein recited.

The act of June 2, 1871, repealed so much of the law of April 29, 1844, as imposed a tax of two per cent. on salaries, trades, offices, occupations and professions.

And by the act of April 3, 1872, the sixth section of the law of April 21, 1864, was repealed, which imposed a tax of one-half of one per cent. on the capital stock of all corporations created under laws "to enable joint tenants, tenants in common, and owners of mineral lands, to manage and develop the same."

In view of these facts, the practical questions now are, can any further reductions be properly made? And if so, on what subjects?

Heretofore these questions I have invited the attention of the Legislature to the importance of adopting a more liberal policy towards those citizens who are engaged in industrial enterprises which employ large numbers of workingmen, and tend to develop the resources of the Commonwealth. Involving great risks, and requiring their successful conduct a large amount of capital, these operations have been, in the main, conducted by means of associations, organized under the general laws, which regulate the incorporation of manufacturing, mining and improvement companies. These laws, while they resemble in their principal features the liberal systems in force in other States, fall in their ostensible purpose of encouraging manufacturing industry, because the privileges they grant are enormously burdened with taxation.

This may be illustrated, by supposing the case of twenty persons, who each subscribe five thousand dollars, for the stock of a company organized for the purpose of mining ore or coal, or manufacturing cotton or woolen goods, iron or steel, or any other commodity. The fund thus created must be expended in the erection and other investment improvements, *which are taxable for all purposes to the same extent as if they were owned by an individual operator.* In addition to this the company must pay a *bonus of one fourth of one per cent. to the Commonwealth upon the stock amounting to the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.* It is thereafter liable to an annual tax upon its capital stock at the rate of *one half mill for each one per cent. of dividends made or declared.* In case of no dividends having been made or declared, *then three mills upon the appraised value of the stock.* Also, a *tax of three per cent. upon the entire amount of earnings or income, and a tax of five per cent. on all interest paid to bondholders or other creditors.* (For all these taxes, see act of May 1, 1868.)

An individual, wealthy enough to furnish a hundred thousand dollars in similar bushes, would find all these exactions avoided by him. The State imposes none of them upon him. It does not keep an espionage upon his business, or demand from him sworn statements of his annual profits. It discriminates in his favor, and the assessors of small capitalists which it professes to encourage, without sharing in any of the stockholder's risks, it makes itself a partner in their profits and follows them with a grasping hand, and a never-ceasing official vigilance of an inquisitorial character over their affairs.

Such conditions are unknown to the laws of New England, New York and other rival manufacturing States, which, while they encourage, carefully prohibit duplicating of taxes upon their own industry. Stock in manufacturing companies is generally taxed by them at its value, like other personal property, but first the value of all real estate owned by the company is deducted, and made taxable like the property of other individuals in the region where the lands are located. It is by such liberal provisions that these States have developed their industries and maintained a monopoly of capital and supremacy in manufactures.

The western and southern States, for many years our customers, are beginning to be our rivals in manufacturing. They are adopting the benefits flowing from diversified industries, they are enacting the most liberal laws for the encouragement of corporate and individual efforts to establish manufactories, and in addition to this, towns and cities are making large subsidies to secure the erection of mills and factories within their limits. Notwithstanding the discovery of large bodies of coal in the western States, and their close proximity to vast masses of iron ore, Pennsylvania would still possess the superiority in many of the markets, and at least equal, if not superior, attractions for the investment of capital, were it not for her oppressive laws; laws which have a tendency to drive capitalists beyond her borders to seek locations less burdened for their investments.

Nothing but very strong necessity could justify such a variety of taxes upon the same thing. And if any justification ever existed, I believe it to exist no longer. The time has come when, with proper diligence in collecting and economy in expenditures, the State can well afford a reduction of taxation; and this reduction in that direction should be such as to relieve the undue burdens of taxation from every form of productive industry. I would, therefore, recommend that the enrolment tax upon private acts chartering industrial companies, and the bonus upon stock of such companies when organized under general laws, be considered a full equivalent to the Commonwealth for the privileges of charter; and that all State taxes upon capital stock, net earnings and dividends of manufacturing, mining and improvement companies, and all co-operative associations, be repealed.

This reduction will amount to $549,554 23—the sum collected last year. I also recommend the repeal of that section of revenue known in the Auditor General's report as "Tax on Loans," which amounts to $492,407 28.

It is confidently believed that with these proposed reductions, which amount to $1,041,961 51, there will be no delay in the payment of current expenses, the interest on the public debt, or make an annual reduction of at least one million five hundred thousand dollars upon the principal.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

Numerous communications, signed by many enterprising and intelligent citizens continue to reach me, on the subject of a geological and mineralogical survey, urging me to commend it to your careful consideration.

In my annual message of 1870 and 1871, I laid before the General Assembly the necessity for a continuation of the surveys already made, in order that the mineralogical resources of the State should be more fully and perfectly ascertained, and expressed the opinion that the results would be interesting and valuable, not only to our citizens individually, but to the entire country.

Assurances have been given by the officers of the "United States Coast Survey" of the special interest they will take in our State, in the event they carry out their intention to cross the continent to connect the "Ocean lines of Coast Surveys." This connection will pass through Pennsylvania, and the importance of its early defining and establishing one or more points in each county through which the line will pass, aid in triangulating so far as to enable us to rectify our county maps and connect them in a correct map of the State. And as the State Geological progresses with his studies and examinations, he should cause to be accurately represented upon the corrected maps, by colors and other appropriate means, the various areas occupied by the different geological formations, and place them in the possession of the people, for their information, prior to the completion and publication of a full account of the survey.

A State map of the kind indicated, with all the discoveries marked in proper colors thereon, would give to the thousands of visitors from our own country and from foreign lands, who will attend the Centennial celebration, some approximate idea of the incalculable wealth beneath the soil of our State; and would have an importance in their sight that could be conveyed to them in no other possible manner.

The expenses of a geological corps, properly organized, and such as would be competent to perform the duties required, have been carefully estimated, and will not exceed forty-five thousand dollars for the first year, and need not be quite as much annually thereafter. In recommending this measure two years ago, I said: "For want of a proper bureau of statistics, and a corps of observation and publication to collate and relate the facts of our geology and mineralogy as they have appeared, the State has already suffered severely. Much valuable information has been lost, never to be recovered; and but little certain knowledge of past mining, and other scientific operations, has been preserved to govern and assist the future engineer. It is, therefore, neither wise nor just policy to delay this work under the pretext that it may be more perfectly effected at some future time. There is a present necessity for it, though the time never will come when such a work can be considered perfect. New developments in mineral resources, as well as additional acquirements in scientific knowledge, will constantly be made as long as the world exists. The sooner, therefore, in my opinion, a thorough survey is authorized, the better it will be for the prospective interests of the State, as well for its present necessities."

The golden destiny of the Pacific States may well be envied; but our coal, ore, oil, lumber and soil are a much better foundation for wealth and permanent greatness than the products of all their *placers*, and the transient prosperity they have produced. Let us build upon an enduring basis and the world will forever pay a golden tribute to our products and industries—the true wealth of Pennsylvania.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND OF AGRICULTURE.

By an act approved April 12, 1872, establishing a "Bureau of Labor Statistics and of Agriculture," the Governor was authorized to appoint a Commissioner of that Department. Accordingly Thomas G. Macdowell, of Dauphin county, was appointed. He immediately established his office in the Capitol building, as required by the act, and commenced the work of collecting the necessary information and arranging the statistical tables, in proper and convenient form to be laid before the Legislature, and for distribution among our citizens.

The functions of the commissioner embrace the evaluation of nearly all the varied industries of the State, as defined in the act as follows: "The duties of such officer shall be to collect, compile and systematize statistics, with reference to the subject of labor in its relations to the social, educational, industrial and general conditions, the ages and treatment of all classes of working people, and how the same affect our permanent prosperity and productive industry. It shall also be the duty of such Bureau to collect, collate and classify statistics relating to the mineral, manufacturing, agricultural and commercial productions of this Commonwealth." The fourth section makes it the duty of the chief of such Bureau to report annually to the Legislature, in convenient form, the result of his investigations.

The act does not appropriate any money to defray the necessary contingent expenses of putting the Department in working order, nor does it prescribe the manner of obtaining the information required, nor that it shall be printed; and it leaves the commissioner without any means by which he can obtain it, except by the voluntary act of those engaged in business. These were evidently oversights, which will doubtless be corrected by an appropriation, and by the passage of such enactments as will enable the commissioner to procure, from the proper sources, the information required to carry out the intentions of the present law.

When it is remembered that Pennsylvania ranks second in population; second in manufactures; sixth as a wheat growing State, and first in point of mineral wealth and resources, among the States of the Union; it should not be a question of dollars and cents, whether her vast and varied resources shall be left to be developed by the slow process of casual discovery, or be properly introduced to the notice of capitalists at home and abroad, by authorized and official statements of facts.

The information that will be furnished, will not only be of great practical value to the citizens of the State, but it will afford the representatives of the people, who are charged from year to year with the responsibilities of legislation, the best and most compendious sources of information, the importance of which can only be estimated by experience.

Pennsylvania stands pre-eminent for her mineral resources, possessing, as she does, the only known anthracite coal-fields in the country, whilst her iron ores and oil are a source of inexhaustible wealth, that defies computation. A few items only are necessary to prove the correctness of these remarks. The production of coal, from the authentic returns, in 1820, was 365 tons; in 1870 it reached the enormous amount of 10,951,585 tons, and it is estimated that the product will be swelled in 1872, to upwards of 20,000,000 tons. The increase in the production of anthracite coal has been in a rapid and wonderful in a period of fifty-two years, who can estimate its growth within the next half century? The product of our bituminous coal fields, in 1870, footed up 4,908,465 tons. The two make an aggregate of 34,920,050 tons for that year.

Meanwhile, the development and growth of the oil production of the north-western counties almost challenges the credulity of our people. From August, 1859, when Drake sunk the first well, to the close of 1864, the production was 221,000,000 gallons, yielding the sum of $29,821,000. In 1864, 2,116,109 barrels were refined, the average price of which, in bond, at New York, (sixty-two cents per gallon,) gave a value of $88,440,000. The entire production, up to 1868, was 527,692,524 gallons, equal to 8,493,339 barrels of crude oil.

There is no doubt the future reports of the commissioner will disclose an equally rapid increase in the production of oil, and other facts concerning it not less gratifying.

Pennsylvania has a system of taxation at present for pig metal is inducing the erection of a large number of first-class furnaces, which will materially increase the wealth of the State, and add to the employment of her workingmen, who are more dependent upon their prosperity for active and profitable results in the near future.

There are other questions of much interest to the public welfare, which can only be evolved with the diligent and thorough investigations, such as those affecting the health, comfort and general well-being of the people, but more especially the industrial classes, who are the basis and dependence of the State for its continued prosperity. The question of labor, in all its relations, is one that constantly engages a large share of attention, and the subject can only be intelligently and properly legislated upon after the labors of the scientific bureau are laid before the Legislature, with such accompanying testimony as will reduce to demonstration the abuses which exist in our social system. Had such a measure been under opportunely initiated the war of the rebellion would scarcely have been possible.

Should you deem your powers inadequate to enact suitable laws upon this subject, the Constitution invites you to a convention, now in session, no doubt to habilitate you with such authority, and thus lend their aid and influence to making Pennsylvania the vanguard in the great mission of universal education.

From the last report of the Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphans' schools, and other sources, I feel fully authorized in assuring you they were never before in a more flourishing and prosperous condition.

Every child, legally eligible, and having made application, is now admitted to these schools. The whole number of admissions since 1865 is 6,429; the discharges from all causes 2,902, leaving in attendance 3,527. No larger number will probably hereafter be attained, and it may confidently be expected that this number will be subject to an annual reduction of at least 5-0, until the system shall have accomplished its mission.

The entire expense of these schools to the State, since they went into operation in 1865, is $4,033,000 47. Their cost during the last year was $478,245 47. It is obviously a deep and lasting interest in its labors. The gentlemen who compose it voluntarily devote their time, without compensation, to this noble work of benevolence. The impress of their intelligent efforts is visible on every perceptible, and the large annual contributions of the State to charitable institutions have, under their supervision and examination, been properly and systematically applied.

The third volume of their reports will be submitted at an early day. It will present a large amount of statistical information, and many interesting facts and valuable suggestions upon subjects of great importance. I cannot too strongly urge upon you the claims of the great regulator of State charities—to the favorable consideration of the Legislature, and recommend such appropriations for expenses and additional enactments as may be necessary to increase its efficiency.

PENITENTIARIES AND REFORMATORIES.

From a personal inspection of the penitentiaries, I am able to bear testimony to the evidences that were everywhere manifested of their general good management and excellent discipline.

The Eastern penitentiary has long been deservedly regarded as the model prison in which the "separate" or "individual treatment" system of imprisonment is applied, and the annual reports of its faithful Board of Inspectors, embracing their observations and investigations, show that they have elevated the subject of crime-punishment almost to the dignity of science.

Among the circumstances that attracted my attention was the insufficient number of cells to carry out the solitary confinement principle, and the incarceration there of a number of boys and youths for first offences, and of females untrained in crime. Sometimes two or more in one cell were thus unavoidably brought into associations which could scarcely fail to produce contamination of character and morals. I would, therefore, recommend that the Legislature enable the courts to sentence minors and females to other prisons, where with proper teaching—training in some handy-craft business—and with due

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OUR thanks are due, and are tendered, to His Excellency, Governor Geary, for an advance copy of his sixth annual message to the Legislature. Elsewhere we notice the document at length. We also publish it in full this morning.

WE have received a copy of the annual report of Hon. Robert B. Beath, Surveyor General of the State, which discloses the vast amount of labor imposed on that department, and shall refer to it again, and at more length, at some other time.

THE "Public Ledger Almanac" has been received. It is filled with most valuable statistics and information, and speaks well for the enterprise of Mr. George W. Childs, the proprietor of the Philadelphia *Ledger*. The Almanac is furnished free to all subscribers of that paper.

WITH more than ordinary pleasure we direct particular attention to our full, complete and detailed special telegrams from the several points of interest. We have made arrangements to continue these specials throughout the sittings of Congress, the Constitutional Convention and the Legislature. In addition to the news furnished us by the agents of the Associated Press, we shall have our own special representatives at each of these points of interest, to collect and daily send us by telegraph all the information that can be gathered by a personal intercourse with the members of the above named bodies. Our readers will thus be kept well informed of all that is passing, both in State and National affairs, and will doubtless find our special telegrams interesting and complete. Nothing shall be left undone on our part to furnish the fullest and latest news from all points, and make the GAZETTE *par excellence the paper* of Pittsburgh. Other dailies will continue to obtain their news through the GAZETTE, as usual.

THEY are once again much excited in old England about the people of the United States, who, they allege, are going to pocket the kingdom of the late Kamehameha, which, as one of the luminaries of a London paper thinks, might endanger the balance of power between Australia and the United States; and he therefore proposes, in order to prevent that dangerous state of affairs, that Australia should at once annex the Figi Archipelagoes. Ridiculous as the idea is, it is only another proof that they are foolishly jealous in England of our expanding influence and power on the American Continent and neighboring islands, and that in order to retain and obstruct our march to empire they are ready to entertain the most foolish projects. It is about time that they should understand over there that the United States will, sooner or later, embrace not only such islands as the Sandwich group, Santo Domingo, Cuba, etc., but also Canada and the entire North American Continent. We say embrace, because there is no need of our annexing them; they will come of their own free will to our protecting arms. We are strong, rich, peaceful, civilized, free, enjoying a republican form of government and freedom of religion. Why should they not wish to join us?

CREDIT MOBILIER.

We heartily condemn the practice of some of our cotemporaries of giving editorial sanction to current rumors, which often have no further foundation than the crazy and ill-judged imaginations of sensational correspondents. During a heated political canvass the thing has, to a certain extent, to be tolerated without grumbling; but it is altogether unnecessary and unpardonable when nothing of even an extraneous nature is to be gained by it, except, perhaps, a little notoriety. We give all that comes to us, usually, over the wires, and from other sources, *as news*, to be believed or not as the reader may prefer, often finding ourselves obliged to contradict one day matter published on the previous day. But to take all this mass of stuff which is daily sent—by nobody knows who—as truth, and give editorial sanction to it, would appear as senseless in the extreme, if not at times really criminal. For instance, yesterday the Associated Press sent us a long dispatch referring to the Credit Mobilier investigation, in which Congressman Brooks, of New York—a Democrat—was directly charged with receiving stock in that concern without consideration, except his promise to "take care of the Democratic side of the House," on all questions directly connected with the welfare of the company. Had we imitated some of our neighbors in this regard—and notably our Democratic contemporary, the *Post*—we should have published an editorial article, in which Mr. Congressman Brooks should have been soundly belabored for his nefariousness in accepting the aforesaid bribe. In addition to asserting our belief in the truth of the charge, we should possibly have used it as a text, to deliver a scathing lecture generally on the sins and iniquities of the Democratic party, as illustrated and proven by their principal representative, Brooks, Erastus, of New York city. But we refrain, and, unlike the *Post*, await until the innocent Brooks shall be able to arise in his place in the House and "hurl back the contemptible charge in the teeth of his assailant," and thus vindicate his beautiful and innocent record of the past, and make Democracy lovely. But is it not a little curious and a little bordering on retributive justice, to find that the very first man charged with accepting *a bribe* of stock in this Credit Mobilier scheme is the principal representative Democrat in Congress? That party, during the recent political campaign, charged leading Republicans with dishonestly accepting stock in this venture, and "they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai." But we will not believe it. Give Brooks a chance.

Seriously, we think the full details of this investigation should be awaited before any one should be condemned. Others as well as Congressman Brooks are owners of Credit Mobilier stock, nor is it *per se* any discredit to them, nor disadvantage in any way, so far as we know. They may have innocently enough purchased this stock as they would any other that promised large dividends, and as they, in common with every man, had a clear right to do. Some of the leading and wealthy men in our own city owned shares in this gigantic company which built the Union Pacific railway, and contrary to general belief, they were perfectly honest in such possession. The Credit Mobilier was a chartered company, which had a mighty work to perform, and needed a vast amount of money to execute that work; it promised large dividends, if successful, and many of the strongest moneyed men of the country were its stockholders. There is, therefore, no impropriety charged upon the simple ownership of its stock, and members of Congress, as well as anybody else, could be honest purchasers and honest holders of it. The present investigation is into the charge that certain persons in official places accepted stock for their influence and without further consideration. This is the whole question, and we await its final solution.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

We publish this morning the last annual message of His Excellency, John W. Geary, to the Legislature. It is marked, as is usual with his State papers, with clearness of diction, thoroughness of detail and force of expression. It covers the whole range of subjects of interest to the taxpayer and citizen, and exhibits the present condition and future prospects of the Commonwealth in a light that must prove as interesting to the people as it is a source of laudable pride. After returning thanks to the Almighty for abundant mercies in the past, he congratulates the people on their escape from many of the calamities that have been visited upon sister cities and States, and on the flourishing condition of our resources as an agricultural, mining, manufacturing and commercial community. He refers with much satisfaction to the late national endorsement of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and alludes with pride to the decisive victory achieved in this State, which settled the question of President Grant's re-election.

The following summary of the financial condition of the State will be read with interest: Total receipts from all sources, including balance in the Treasury Nov. 30, 1871, $8,625,146.04; total disbursements for the year ending Nov. 30, 1872, including $2,476,326 paid on the State debt, $7,142,990.43; leaving balance in Treasury at the latter date $1,482,455.61. This is a decidedly cheerful account of our finances, and will be hailed with pleasure by every citizen. The public debt was Nov. 30, 1871, $29,779,820.64, and now is $27,803,-494.64, making the reduction for the year, as above stated, $2,476,326. Towards paying the debt we have, in the sinking fund, $9,300,000, and cash in treasury $1,482,455.61, leaving the actual liability over present money assets the small sum of $16,521,039.03. During the six years of Governor Geary's administration the State debt has been decreased $10,992,662.54. We hope all our readers will ponder these few figures; they contain a vast fund for thought, particularly when we look back into the dark and gloomy periods of Democratic rule, when our debt was continually growing and threatening to drive us into irremediable bankruptcy. Now our *State* liability is about one-third that of the principal city of the Commonwealth, and annually growing less.

The portion of the message referring to the much-talked of sinking fund is instructive as well as interesting, showing as it does the amount of same and what it consists of. The Governor next refers to the rapid extinguishment of the debt and taxation, to the various appropriations for the support of our charitable institutions, and discountenances all legislation in the interest of enterprises of doubtful propriety—evidently hinting at the long anticipated raid on the sinking fund. He discusses the labor and wages questions in a candid and statesmanlike manner, and leans, as has been his custom, toward the side of the weak as against the strong. He recommends a further reduction of taxation, as the increased facilities of the State can well afford it, and asks that the tax on loans, on capital stock of chartered institutions, on net earnings and dividends of all companies and co-operative associations shall be abolished. These reductions, with one or two others, will result in an annual reduction of the revenues in amount over one million dollars. After this reduction of revenue, sufficient will yet be collected to pay all expenses, interest on State debt, and reduce the latter one million five hundred thousand dollars annually.

The next reference is to a more complete geological survey of the State, in order to reveal the hidden treasure within our mountain ranges and valleys, an important matter which has too long been overlooked. No doubt underlying the soil of our State will be found beds of coal, oil, iron, and perhaps other ores which will one day largely add to our wealth. In connection with this, the recently organized "Bureau of Statistics of Labor and Agriculture," is referred to as an important adjunct to the former enterprise. Its results already will be read with great interest, revealing, as they do, the growth and development of our great resources. The interests of education are given a prominent place in the message, and valuable facts are noted, with reference thereto, including those connected with the schools of soldiers' orphans.

Much other information is given, and many useful and important recommendations made, which we have not space to note, and must refer the reader to the message itself. The Ohio river improvement is urged. An increase in the Governor's salary is asked for his successor, and much more is mentioned that we cannot even glance at. As a whole, the message is a substantial, business-like and strong paper, and reflects great credit on its distinguished and patriotic author.

BEWITCHED.

Mysterious Affliction of a Young Missouri Girl.

(From the Benton County (Mo.) Democrat.)

For some time past we have been in possession of the fact of the occurrence of strange and incomprehensible doings—at the house of one of the most respectable families of the county.

The family of which we speak consists of some five or six members, all well respected. The mystery consists of an indescribable noise, as of some one knocking, slapping, scratching, and scraping upon the sides, ceiling, floor, windows, etc., of the house and upon various articles within the room. The ghost, goblin, spirit, or ghoul—call it what you will—seems to have connected itself with a young lady member of the family, aged about eighteen years, and who, strange to say, knows nothing of its presence, or of its coming and going. At night, when she seeks repose, and just as her eyelids are closing in slumber, three distinct raps, as a person striking something solid with their finger, may be heard, she seems to be thrown into a trance, or sleep, from which nothing can arouse her, as repeated attempts have been made to do so, but proved unsuccessful. During the trance or fit, her limbs contract, her body writhes, and groans escape her lips, as though she were undergoing some great bodily pain, and during the trance the rapping continues by loud knocking upon some part of the house and on the furniture, lifting the bedstead, rattling the ball of the water-bucket, and even upon the water, making a noise similar to a cat lapping water, and various questions, etc., the same way as any other well-regulated spirit would; and, stranger still, this mysterious power follows the person of the young lady, even when she passes a night away from home—wherever she sleeps at night there is heard the knocking, which, however, is never heard only when she is in an unconscious state. The young lady, when she awakens, says she has heard nothing of the noise, and has felt no pain, saw nothing in her dream—in fact, had no dream—and complains only of a feeling of weariness and lassitude. In all other respects she seems in perfect health. These manifestations are as mysterious to her as to any one else, and a great source of mortification. A number of the neighbors have spent frequent nights at the house investigating and endeavoring to ascertain the cause of the mystery, but as yet no satisfactory conclusion has been arrived at.

Women Scientifically Considered.

Dr. Ludwig Buchner, the eminent German, whose lectures on scientific subjects have attracted much attention this winter, spoke recently on the woman question, viewed from the ground of natural science. Difference of sex, he averred, was not a natural necessity, but the result of circumstances. Man has gained the mastery over woman by numerical superiority, greater strength and the force of circumstances. In proof of this, the fact that in the animal kingdom many females exceed the males in size, strength and ferocity was adduced. Man, having obtained his superior position, has developed more rapidly than woman, and it is not impossible that woman may in time reverse the present relations of the sexes. The lecturer referred to the famous women of history as examples of the power of the female sex, and said that, in his opinion, the extension of the suffrage to women, at least those who are unmarried, would be a positive benefit.

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HARRISBURG.
Organization of Both Branches of the Legislature.
ANDERSON SPEAKER OF THE SENATE AND ELLIOTT OF THE HOUSE.
Allegheny County's Share of the Offices.
PREPARATIONS FOR THE INAUGERATION OF GENERAL HARTRANFT.

Special Correspondence Pittsburgh Gazette.
HARRISBURG, January 7, 1873.

The organization of the two Houses of the Legislature was effected to-day, in the smoothest imaginable manner. There was not a jar in the working of the caucus programme, or any exhibition of partizan feeling. It is a general remark that no previous session for many years has commenced its work so harmoniously, and with as little contest or strife for the offices from Speaker down to the paster and folder.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

The Democratic members of the House held a caucus this morning, and nominated Charles B. Brockway, of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, for Speaker, and P. Gray Meek, of Centre county, for Chief Clerk. Nominations were also made for some of the other offices. The Democrats of the Senate nominated J. Dupuy Davis, of Berks, for Speaker, and the impregnable and unterrified Jacob Ziegler, of Butler, for Chief Clerk.

ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSE.

After the tedious work of reading the returns from the Secretary's office, the House voted for Speaker. Wm. Elliott, of Philadelphia, received 60 votes; Charles B. Brockway, of Columbia, 38 votes, and J. B. Hancock, of Philadelphia, one vote. Mr. Brockway voted for Mr. Elliott, Mr. Elliott voted for Mr. Brockway, and Mr. Welch, Independent Democrat of Philadelphia, voted for Mr. Hancock.

It is very seldom that a Speaker is elected for two successive terms, as Mr. Elliott has been honored. It has only happened twice before in the history of the State. W. A. C. Lawrence was chosen Speaker in 1859 and 1860, and ex-Governor Wm. F. Packer in 1848 and 1849. These were the only continuous or consecutive terms. Since 1840, J. Ross Snowden, John Cessna, and Elisha W. Davis have each held the position twice, but there has been a lapse of several sessions between their elections.

THE CLERKS.

General Selfridge, John H. Small, and Capt. Morrison were elected on one vote as Chief, Resident, and Assistant Clerks. The Democrats all voted for Small for Resident Clerk, and that gentleman thus received the gratification of a unanimous vote, a merited recognition of his efficiency and general ability. General Selfridge was first elected clerk in 1868, and this was his sixth consecutive election. Capt. Morrison of Butler, the Assistant, is also a very capable and accommodating officer. The other officers of the House were elected by resolution, and sworn in by the Speaker to paste and fold with fidelity, and maintain the fires with alacrity, besides supporting the Constitution.

The members were sworn in, the usual resolutions to inform the Governor and Senate adopted, and the hours of meeting fixed at from eleven A. M. to one P. M., daily, except Friday, when the hour of adjournment shall be noon.

INAUGURATION OF THE GOVERNOR ELECT.

Mr. Kaufman, of Lebanon, offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the inaugural ceremonies of the Governor elect shall take place at twelve o'clock, noon, on the 21st of January, on the south portico of the capital, should the weather prove favorable, otherwise in the Hall of Representatives; and that a committee of seven be appointed to act in conjunction with a similar committee to be appointed by the Senate, to make the necessary arrangements, and wait upon the Governor and Governor elect, and accompany them to the capitol, "as a merited act of courtesy and for the purpose of having the oath of office administered to the Governor elect."

ORGANIZATION OF THE SENATE.

The Senate did not meet until three P. M. The hall was densely crowded, an honor not vouchsafed to the House. The organization of the Senate worked as smoothly as that of the other body. All of the Senators were present. The vote for Speaker resulted in 18 votes for George H. Anderson, of Allegheny, 14 votes for J. Depuy Davis, of Berks, and 1 vote for Butler B. Strang, of Tioga. The two leading candidates voted for each other. Alex. K. McClure voted for Mr. Strang.

Mr. Davis escorted Mr. Anderson to the chair, and he addressed the Senate.

THE CLERKS AND CHAPLAIN.

Russell Errett was elected Chief Clerk by 18 votes, to 14 for Jacob Ziegler, and one (given by Senator McClure) for Robert Morris. It will be noticed by Senator McClure's action that the Liberal Republicans have seceded from the Democracy, and are running a political machine of their own. It is a small and compact organization, somewhat ornamental for two. McClure is one of the best looking men in the Senate, but not particularly useful.

The other officers nominated by the Republican caucus were elected by resolution.

Rev. J. W. Sayres, of Harrisburg, was elected Chaplain of the Senate.

APPORTIONMENT.

The Speaker of the House was authorized to appoint the Standing Committees of the Senate, including one to be composed of seven Senators in the Congressional Apportionment. [The House also authorized a committee of thirteen on the Congressional apportionment.]

ALLEGHENY COUNTY'S SHARE.

The Allegheny county delegation has done pretty well in the way of securing positions for those of their patriotic constituents who accompanied them to the State Capitol. In the Senate, in addition to Mr. Anderson elected President, and Russell Errret Chief Clerk, John D. Fleming and John U. Gill were elected Transcribing Clerks, R. S. P. McCall Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and William Shergold Assistant Door Keeper. In the House five positions were secured, something more than the county was entitled to, as follows: Postmaster, Wm. Coates; Door Keeper, Wm. Moore; Assistant, Joseph McElheron; Assistant Transcribing Clerk, Samuel Wallace; paster and folder, H. W. Hastings. Not bad for the State of Allegheny.

THE LUZERNE CONTESTED ELECTION.

In the Republican House caucus last night, the Luzerne contested election was talked over. As stated, there are four seats involved, but the contest rests on the same state of facts in all the cases. The doubtful point is whether it is necessary to raise a committee on each case, or lump the whole and refer them to one committee. The latter would seem to be the most judicious and expeditious plan, if generally believed to be so. A House Committee on contested elections, made up by lot, consisted of nine members. If four committees are raised, to investigate and report on precisely the same state of facts, it will seriously embarrass the proceedings of the House. The caucus last night appointed a committee of three to report on the legal points involved, to a caucus to be held this evening. ARTIC.

Most Important Notice.

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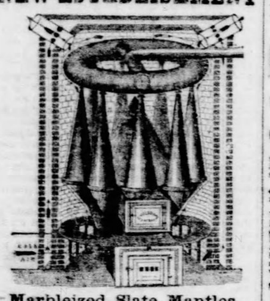
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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, January 8, 1873.

The change for the better in local money matters as winter advances becomes more apparent. The disposition to keep up high rates is still manifested on the part of some of the financial classes, the trade of the country, although much contracted, is in a solvent and good condition. And now that the usurer has had his day, it is altogether probable that those who bear the burden and heat of the times are to have their's. Turn about is fair play.

The national bank statements having been made, a relief for the next sixty days of dread from this source will cause the banks to extend their lines as far as the ability will exist to afford to their customers all the additional aid it is in their power to give. Senator Scott, of this State, is moving in the Senate for the withdrawal of forty-four millions of currency re-issued, and from the unanimity with which his motion prevailed in the Senate to inquire into the necessity of the re-issue, it is reasonable to expect that something will now be done to increase the circulating medium, if not permanently, at least temporarily, until some definite agreement can be arrived at so as to render future commercial and financial transactions based on more confidence than the panicky days of the past few months have allowed them to be.

The coal men of Pittsburgh are still busily engaged in having their last fall's product shipped before low water, and should no unfavorable change in the weather take place they will in a few days be gratified by receiving in exchange a money equivalent for their past quarter's labor.

The Chicago Tribune of Tuesday says: The demand for money in the local market continues very large, and not unlike that in the eastern money centers, all banks are letting out more money freely since the call for a report, the supply of funds is still far behind the demand. It has not been drawn back for several weeks at the close of last year in the anticipation of easy money now. The returns made to New York of the condition of banks this city now than they have ever been before, and the demand for New York exchange keeps it up to a price that will cause banks to ship currency eastward.

The Philadelphia Ledger, of Tuesday, reports money in that city as follows: The money market was reported easier yesterday—that is, there was no urgency in the demand, so that we believe authorized in making any material alteration in rates, and, therefore, continue to quote prime business paper at 7@8 per cent. as the lowest. On call, money was in fair supply. Three to four months' paper, on first-class collaterals, was placed freely at 7@8 per cent. Strictly first-class commercial paper ruled at about same rates. On Government collateral the same description of paper would sell at 6@7 per cent. Call loans were offered on the street at 6@7 per cent., and in the open market prime business paper has declined to 10@12 per cent. The demand for money yesterday was more active and rates generally freely met at these rates. The amount of paper maturing in January is comparatively light, so that the income of the banks from this source will be less than usual, and the extreme ease in the money market which some anticipated is not likely to be realized; but there seems to be no good reason to expect that higher rates will prevail, especially if money becomes easier in New York.

Geo. B. Hill & Co., banker and brokers, No. 56 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from their latest advices by telegraph:

	Wednesday.
Gold	112¾
U. S. 6s—1881	112¾
" —coupons	116
" 1867	114
5-20s—1864	113½
" 1865	114¾
" 1865 new	114¾
" 1867	114¾
" 1868—coupons	114¾
10-40s	109¾
10-40s—coupons	110¼
Currency 6's	113½
RAILWAYS.	
New York Central	101¾
Erie	62¾
Michigan Southern	93¾
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	98
Rock Island	100¾
North Western, Common	83¼
Pacific Mail	30¾
Western Union Telegraph	80¾
Ohio & Mississippi	31¼
Union Pacific	25
Toledo & Wabash	73¾
Fort Wayne	92
Adams Express	94¾
American Express	69¾
United States Express	50
Harlem	115¾

Messrs. Gilbough, Bond & Co., brokers and bankers and members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, furnish the following quotations of the prices to-day of the most active stocks:

Penna. Central	56¾
Reading R. R.	96¾
United Cos New Jersey	122
Oil Creek & Alleg'y R. R.	32¾
Lehigh Valley R. R.	59
Philadelphia & Erie	27¾
Lehigh Navigation	58¾
Pittsburgh City 6's	ex coupon.
U. S. R. R. 7.30's	91
Central Transportation	47

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, January 8, 1873.

APPLES—The demand continues very meagre, and the market is dull, though prices are without quotable change; $2.50@3 per bbl, as to quality.

APPLE BUTTER—60@65c per gallon.

BEANS—$2.30@2.40 per bushel.

BROOM CORN—We are reported sales at 4@6¾, as to quality.

BUTTER—Dealers all agree in reporting a very dull market, and with liberal receipts, stocks are accumulating, holders all anxious to realize, and scarcely an average demand, prices are week and drooping; inferior to fair, 8@15 medium to good, 18@22 prime to choice, 24@25.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Is quiet and unchanged at 4½@5c per lb.

CHEESE—The demand continues very meagre, but prices are unchanged; prime Goshen, 16¾@17c.

CIDER—Unchanged, $6@7 per bbl.

CONCENTRATED LYE—$7.50 per case in first hands, and $8 in a jobbing way.

CRANBERRIES—Sackett's and Carey's, $14 per bbl; common, $10@12.

CARBON OIL—Is dull, but unchanged; 18¾c by the car load, and 19@20 additional for small lots.

DRESSED HOGS—Quoted at 4¾@5c per lb.

DRIED FRUIT—Quiet and nominally unchanged. Apples, 4@6c; Peaches, halves, 7@8c; Blackberries, 10@12; Pitted Cherries, 30@32; unpitted, 6@8c.

EGGS—Market quiet, and if anything weaker, although there is no quotable change in prices. Fresh, 34@36c. Limed, 25@30.

FLOUR—There is a steady local demand, and a fair retail business in the aggregate, but there is no change whatever in prices, and the market is quiet. We continue to quote spring wheat, $5.75@6.25. The usual range for choice Minnesotas, and $8.50@9 for red winter wheat. Rye Flour, $5.50.

GRAIN—Trade in all kinds of Grain is still reported quite active in consequence of the very light receipts and limited stocks, and prices are well sustained, best consumers only operating, and sells readily at full prices. $1.75@1.80 is prime to choice red; there is no stock in the hands of dealers, and the article has been receiving but comparatively little of late. The arrivals of Oats continue small, and with a good demand prices are firmly maintained, ranging from 43 to 45. Shelled Corn is also in light supply, and we continue to quote at 49 on track, and 42 free in elevator. Rye—No. 1 Canada scarce, and we are reported sales on track at 65. Rye is still quoted at 90@95. Barley at 80@90 for spring, and 95@$1 for fall, according to quality.

GROCERIES—Trade continues quiet, and the market in a general way presents but little that is really new or important. Our eastern advices continue to report Coffee firm and Sugars dull.

SUGARS—Crushed, 15¼c; Granulated, 13¾c; Powdered, 14c; A, 13¼c; B, 12¾c Ex. C, 12c; I C, 11¾c; Porto Rico, 10¾@11c.

COFFEE—Common Rio, 20c; Fair, 21c; Good, 23c; Prime to choice, 24@24½; Roasted, in lb packages 26c; loose, 25c; Java, 29@30c.

SYRUPS—H & E, 55c; Maryland, 55c; B & E, 50c; Maple Syrup, 65c.

SPICES—Grain Pepper, 24c; Allspice, 20c; Nutmegs, $1.40@1.50; Ginger, 25.

RICE—Carolina, 8¾c@9c; Rangoon, 7¾c@8.

MOLASSES—New Orleans, 72@75c.

HAY—There is no improvement to note in the demand, and with a continued liberal receipts the market is dull, although we continue to quote from $18 to $20 for prime to choice timothy, and from $15 to $16 for mixed. Baled, on track, $25 to $32, according to quality and condition.

HOMINY—$4.25 to $4.75 per barrel.

HONEY—Is quoted at 35 to 40c per lb.

LARD OIL—No. 1, Extra, 70@75; No. 2, 60.

ONIONS—$2.50@3 per bbl.

MILL FEED—Bran is quoted at $1.15@1.20 per cwt; Middlings at $1.20@1.50, according to quality. Corn Meal, $1.30@1.35.

MINCE MEAT—Standard brands 12c.

PEARL BARLEY—Sacks, $1.10@1.30.

POTATOES—Are dull and unchanged; Peach Blows, 80c on track, and 85@87 in store.

PROVISIONS—Dressed Hogs, fresh receipts, 12@13c; Ducks, 13@14c; Turkeys, 16@18c.

PROVISIONS—Sugar Cured Hams, 13½c; Sugar Cured Shoulders, 7½c; Plain Shoulders, 6c; Rib Sides, 8½c; Clear Rib, 8¾c; Clear Sides, 9c; Breakfast Bacon, 12c; Dried Beef, 18c; Mess Pork, $14.50; Hams, $14.50; Sausage, 10c. Leaf Lard: in tres., 8¾c; half bbls, 9¾c; pails, 10. Pigs Feet: in half bbls, $4.75 in kegs, $2.40.

RAGS—Quoted at 3@3½c.

SEEDS—There is a steady demand for Flax Seed, and we are cognizant of several cargo lots having been sold to the mills here at $1.95. Clover Seed is quoted at $5.00@5.25, in first hands, and Timothy at $3.25@3.75.

TALLOW—Unchanged at 8@8½c.

WHISKEY—Bulk whiskies quoted at 92@93 cents.

WOOL—Trade continues quiet, and there will be no change for the better until producers and dealers get closer together; the former, as a rule, are asking prices that the latter are unwilling to give; dealers are offering 55@55 for choice clip, while growers are holding at 58@60.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CENTRAL STOCK YARDS, EAST LIBERTY, WEDNESDAY, January 8, 1873.

CATTLE.

The arrivals on Monday and Tuesday were comparatively light, both of local and through stock; last night and this morning, however, the receipts were liberal, and to-day in consequence the pens appear to be nearly all occupied. Trade is better; there is, as yet, no quotable advance in prices, but there are unusually large number of buyers, and this, together with the better more favorable advices from the east, has produced a stronger feeling on the part of sellers, some of whom are disposed to establish an advance, but up to this writing, without success. There is a better demand, however, and holders who are satisfied to accept the rates which have prevailed during the past week or two, have no difficulty in selling, but those who have "stood off," who have resolved, if such a thing is possible, to squeeze an advance, find it up hill work, though they may be able to carry their point before the close of the week.

Among others we have the following sales reported: 94 fair, 1,150, Illinois steers at 5½@5¾, same, 1,125 lbs, 5¾; 17 better quality, 1,250 lbs, 6c; 18 prime southern Ohio steers, 1,360, lbs, considered best in the market to-day, 16 steers, averaging about 1,350, at 6¾; also 1 car same, weighing 21,500 lbs at 6¾. The most of the stock sold up to this writing was of the medium quality, and at prices ranging from 4¾ to 5¾c; good shipping cattle are in light supply, and consequently are selling more readily than the common grades. Following may be regarded as the ruling quotations:

Prime, 1,400@1,500, steers	6 50@6 75
Prime, 1,200@1,300 lbs. steers	5 75@6 25
Good, 1,000@1,150 steers	5 00@5 50
Common Cows and Stags	3 50@4 00
Bulls	2 50@3 50

SHEEP.

The arrivals up to this time are generally reported as having been comparatively light, and with an average demand notwithstanding the rather unfavorable character of the eastern advices, trade has been quite active and prices are reported 25c per cwt higher, as compared with last week. There is a full delegation here from Philadelphia, all of whom are buying, and Erisman is picking them up pretty freely for New York.

In order to give the reader a more satisfactory insight in regard to prices, we agree and the following sales: 84 fine wool Ohio, 96 lbs, 6¼; 1 car do, 93 lbs, 6c; 1 car, 90 lbs, Indianas, open wool, 5; 1 do do, about same weight, at 5¾; 1 car good 83 lbs, fine wool, from Washington Co., Pa., at 5½; 1 car mixed wool Ohio, 75 lbs, at 5; 1 car fat 100 lbs, Indiana at 6; 1 car very fine Ohio, open wool, 82 lbs, at 7c; 115 coarse wool Iowa, 82 lbs, at 4.40; 300 Ohio merinos, 93 lbs, at 6.85; 193 do, 78 lbs, at 5; 1238 fat open wool Iowas, 97 lbs, at 5¾; and 7 Hancock County, Ohio, for a bunch of fine wool, 100 lbs, from Green Co., Pa. Following may be regarded as the ruling quotations:

Fine wool, 95@100 lbs.	6 25@6 50
Prime fine wool, 85@90 lbs.	5 75@6 00
Fair fine wool, 75@80 lbs.	5 00@5 50
Prime open wool, 100@115 lbs.	5 00@5 50
Fair open wool, 80@90 lbs.	5 00@5 50

HOGS.

The arrivals have been light thus far this week, and with an increased demand, particularly for shipment to New York, caused no doubt by the advance in Chicago, the market has stiffened up considerably, and prices have advanced from 10 to 15c per cwt, as compared with the close of last week, and at the inside there were but very few hogs in the pens unsold. Some operators appeared to be impressed with the belief to-day that the top had been reached, and they anticipate that if the arrivals are at all liberal, that the advance above noted will be lost before the close of the week. However, it is a healthy improvement to draw much on the future, and we will close by appending the ruling

QUOTATIONS:

Prime to extra Philadelphia hogs	4 25@4 30
Common to extra Yorkers	4 15@4 30
Pigs and light yorkers	4 40@4 50
Mixed rough stock	3 90@4 50

CHANGE OF FIRM.

The well known commission firm of Smith, Watson & Co. has been dissolved, Samuel Smith and Wesley Sedgwick retiring, and the firm is continued by Alexander Watson and C. Q. Briggs. On the strength of an intimate acquaintance with both of these gentlemen, dating back for several years, we take pleasure in recommending the new firm of "Watson & Briggs" to those of our readers desiring to have stock sold on commission; as they are thoroughly posted in the stock business in all its various details; and, we are no hesitation in stating if they get the best price that can be obtained, and make returns quick and satisfactory. Mr. Briggs will continue to have charge of the yard department, Mr. Watson is the hog salesman, while Mr. John Drum attends to selling the sheep.

PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, January 8, 1873.

There is no improvement to note in trade; the market for both crude and refined continues exceedingly dull, and while hopes of an early change for the better are still entertained, the prospects are not very encouraging. The production is exceedingly heavy, especially for this season of the year, over 21,000 bbls per day, according to the statements of the Producers' Association. There is also, as might be expected, a large increase in stock. Prices, however, as compared with yesterday, have undergone no quotable change; $3.25@3.40 per bbl at Parker, equal to 6.50@6.65c per gallon here. Refined is as dead as ever—we have no inquiry to ship currency eastward.

The Philadelphia Ledger, of Tuesday, reports money in that city as follows: The money market was reported easier yesterday—that is, there was no urgency in the demand, so that we believe authorized in making any material alteration in rates, and, therefore, continue to quote prime business paper at 7@8 per cent. as the lowest. On call, money was in fair supply. Three to four months' paper, on first-class collaterals, was placed freely at 7@8 per cent. Strictly first-class commercial paper ruled at about same rates. On Government collateral the same description of paper would sell at 6@7 per cent. Call loans were offered on the street at 6@7 per cent., and in the open market prime business paper has declined to 10@12 per cent. The demand for money yesterday was more active and rates generally freely met at these rates. The amount of paper maturing in January is comparatively light, so that the income of the banks from this source will be less than usual, and the extreme ease in the money market which some anticipated is not likely to be realized; but there seems to be no good reason to expect that higher rates will prevail, especially if money becomes easier in New York.

Geo. B. Hill & Co., banker and brokers, No. 56 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from their latest advices by telegraph:

	Wednesday.
Gold	112¾
U. S. 6s—1881	112¾
" —coupons	116
" 1867	114
5-20s—1864	113½
" 1865	114¾
" 1865 new	114¾
" 1867	114¾
" 1868—coupons	114¾
10-40s	109¾
10-40s—coupons	110¼
Currency 6's	113½
RAILWAYS.	
New York Central	101¾
Erie	62¾
Michigan Southern	93¾
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	98
Rock Island	100¾
North Western, Common	83¼
Pacific Mail	30¾
Western Union Telegraph	80¾
Ohio & Mississippi	31¼
Union Pacific	25
Toledo & Wabash	73¾
Fort Wayne	92
Adams Express	94¾
American Express	69¾
United States Express	50
Harlem	115¾

Messrs. Gilbough, Bond & Co., brokers and bankers and members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, furnish the following quotations of the prices to-day of the most active stocks:

Penna. Central	56¾
Reading R. R.	96¾
United Cos New Jersey	122
Oil Creek & Alleg'y R. R.	32¾
Lehigh Valley R. R.	59
Philadelphia & Erie	27¾
Lehigh Navigation	58¾
Pittsburgh City 6's	ex coupon.
U. S. R. R. 7.30's	91
Central Transportation	47

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial Market.

NEW YORK, January 8, 1873.

Money loaned as high as 1-32 per day and interest, and closed at 7 per cent. Sterling firm; 109¾@109¾. Gold advanced from 111¾ to 112¼, fell to 112, and closed at 112⅛@112¼. Loans 2@7 per cent. Clearings $30,000,000. Treasury disbursements $758,000. Exports $277,345; probable for to-morrow $600,000. Governments ¼@⅜ higher and strong, but dull. The Assistant Treasurer bought $20,850 at 111 14-100. States bonds very dull. Tennessee strong. Stocks opened firm. New York Central advanced to 102¼ on rumors of increased dividends, but reacted to 101¾. Western Union rose from 78¾ to 80¾, reacting to 80⅝. Pacific Mail fell from 72¾ to 70¼, closing at 70¾@71. The rest of the list was ¼@⅝ higher at the opening, but declined ¼@1 per cent. afterwards. A portion of the decline was recovered later, and market closed steady. The strength on C. C. and I. C. is caused by a report that the Chesapeake and Ohio party are large buyers of that stock, and that eventually a consolidation will be effected between the Central and Union Pacific, the Northwestern, C. C. & I. C. and Chesapeake & Ohio.

GOVERNMENTS—U. S. coupons '81, 116; 5-20s of '62, 113¾; do of '64, 113¾; '65, 114¾; new 5-20s 113¾; do '67, 114¾; do '68, 114¾; new 5s, 112¾; 10-40s, 110¾; currency 6s, 113.

STATE BONDS.—Missouri 6's, 92; Tennessee 6's, do. new, 80¾; Virginia new, 50; do. old, 48; North Carolina old, 33¾; do new, 19.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Canton, 101; Western Union Telegraph, 80¾; Quicksilver, 46¼; Adams Ex., 94¾; American Merchants Union do., 69¾; United States do., 81; Pacific Mail, 70¾; New York Central, 101¾; Erie, 62¾; do preferred, 76; Harlem, 115¾; do preferred, 120; Michigan Central, 107; P., F. W. & C., 89¼; Northwestern, 81¾; do preferred, 87¾; Rock Island, 119; N. J. Central, 100; St. Paul, 53¾; do preferred, 77¾; Wabash, 73¾; do preferred, 85; Fort Wayne, 92; Terre Haute, 14; do preferred, 40; Chicago & Alton, 113¾; do preferred, 114; Ohio & Mississippi, 47¾; Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati, 92½; Burlington & Quincy, 137; Lake Shore, 96¾; Panama, 38½; Illinois Central, 124; Union Pacific, 38; Central Pacific, 99¾; Union, 87; Delaware & Lackawanna, 94¼; Hartford & Erie, 8¾.

New York.

NEW YORK, January 8.—Cotton in fair demand; middling upland 20½c; sales of futures 9,800 bales: January 19¼@19⅝c; February 19⅜@19¾c; March 19⅞@19 15-16c; April 20¼@20¾c; May 20 11-16@20 13-16c; June 20 1-16@20 3-16c. Flour in fair demand and steady; receipts 7,000 barrels; superfine western and State $5,35@6,50; common to good extra $7,10@7,65; good to choice $7,65; extra Ohio $7,20; to good old western mixed, afloat 6@6½c. Oats stronger; receipts 33,000 bushels; prices unchanged. Hay unchanged. Hops firm at 42@55c for 1872. Leather firm with a fair request at 28@33c for 1872. Coffee quiet and firm; Rio 16@19¼c. Sugar dull, and unchanged. Molasses dull; New Orleans 68c. Rice quiet at 8@9c. Petroleum quiet; crude 10¼c; refined 27¼c. Turpentine dull at 59¼c. Provisions—mess pork quiet and firm at $13,75@14,00; prime mess $14,00@14,50. Beef dull but unchanged. Cut meats steady. Shoulders 6¾@7c; hams 9@10c. Lard more steady; short clear 7¾c; seller February 7¼c; long clear seller January 6¾c; spot 6 13-16c. Lard weak and lower; No 1 to prime steam 7⅝@8c; kettle 8¼c. Butter unchanged. Cheese firmer at 12@14¾c.

Philadelphia, January 8.—Flour dull, but unchanged. Wheat: heavy receipts depress the market; extra white Michigan $1,85¼; No. 1 do $1,72; amber Michigan $1,69 spot; January; $1,69¼; seller February; $1,71 seller last half February; $1,71 seller March; No. 3 do $1,58. Corn steady with a moderate demand; old 38¼c; do seller February; 39c; seller May 39c; low mixed 24½c; yellow 38¼c. Oats: demand fair and market firm; No. 2 32c. Clover seed active. Dressed hogs $4,50@4,60.

Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, January 8.—Flour quiet and firm; Western superfine $4,50@5,00; extra $6,75@8,00; family $8,50@9,75. Wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn very quiet; mixed western 42½c. Oats quiet and steady; mixed western 47@47c; white 48@50c. Rye unchanged. Provisions firm. Mess pork $14,25@14,50. Bulk meats active, with an advancing tendency; shoulders 4¼c; rib sides 5¾c. Lard 8c. Western butter quiet; choice 26@28c; good 23@25c. Whisky 93¼c; no sales.

New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, December 8.—Sugar firmer; fair to good common 6¾@7¼c; prime 7¾@8c; choice 8¼@8½c; yellow clarified 9¼@9½c; white clarified 10¼@10½c. Molasses in good demand; centrifugal 30@47c; common 45@50c; fair to choice 53@60. Cotton easier; sales 6,500 bales; good ordinary 17¾@17¾c; low middlings 18¼@18½c; middlings 19¾@19½c; middling Orleans 19½c; receipts 11,135; exports: Liverpool 8,220; Barcelona 190; coastwise 21; stock 162,495.

Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, January 8.—Flour quiet and unchanged in every respect. Wheat steady, with a moderate demand: No. 1 Milwaukee $1,61; No. 2 do $1,22¼. Oats: market steady, with a moderate demand; No. 2 26¼c. Corn: demand fair and market firm; No. 2 mixed 32¾c. Rye scarce and firm; No. 1, 60c. Barley steady, with a moderate demand; No. 2 72c.

Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, January 8.—Flour: demand fair and market firm. Wheat firm; sales of No 1 red winter at $1,75; No 2 do held at $1,70. Corn quiet, at 45@46c. Oats steady, with a moderate demand; No 1 State, 37c. Refined petroleum in fair demand, and unchanged, but market weaker.

Detroit.

DETROIT, January 8.—Wheat dull and prices a shade lower; No. 1 white $1,89; No. 2 $1,78½ @1,79; amber $1,62. Oats in good demand at full prices; 33c. Corn steady with a moderate demand at 40¾@41c. Dressed hogs $4,55@4,60.

Imports by Railroad.

ALLEGHENY STATION.—1 car lumber, J H Morrison; 1 do oats, Thompson & F; 1 do cooperage, J M Hemphill; 1 do do, J R Lutz; 1 do lumber, Graham R & Co; 2 do do, Gilmore & Co; 1 roll leather, Graham & S; 16 casks tobacco, A Wilson; 10 bxs do, 14 cases do, R & W Jenkinson; 32 bbls whisky, M Grogan, 41 do apples, J Bryan; 67 do do, 2 sks beans, J M C Anderson; 1st furniture, D W Huntsman; 10 bdls shutters, W McQuewan; 3 bxs poultry, C H Morlege; 6 bdls leather, W Beidler; 1 do do, J Eisenheis; 40 sks, 5 bbls flour, J Ward; 10 do cider, A Keuth; 1 car barley, Eberhardt & Co; 2 do do oats, 1 do do and bran, W C Brown; 1 do of seed, M B Suydam; 100 sks, 75 bbls flour, M Steel & Son; 29 bbls, Lippe & H.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO R. R.—80 bxs cheese, 2 crks butter, N J Braden; 18 bxs cheese, 1 firkin butter, 2 tubs do, E Moye & Co; 15 bgs chestnuts, Loh & C; 16 e bxs, Arbuckles & Co; 22 bxs cheese, Woodworth & D; 247 do do, N J Braden, 2 cars hay, 2 sks rags, Dbbs tallow, Voigt M & Co; 1 car 1 brick, John Cuthburt; 2 crates rags, 22 bgs do, House H & Co; 186 bxs g ware, McKee Bros; 12 do do, Atwall & L; 16 bbls wine, Ed Tate; plumber, McQueswan & D.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS R. R. 1 car hay, O A Allerton; 50 bales do, W G Miller; 42 do do, Citizens P R; 20 bales cotton, O H Harnew & Co; 7 do do, Holmes B & Co; 22 do do, Kennedy C & Co; 7 do do, C W Batchelor; 1 car bran, Brickner & Co; 2 bbls molasses, J Flynn; 39 do do, A Rogers & Co; 20 do do, Jenkins, Head & Co; 10 do do whisky, Einstein Bro; 10 do do, Rothelheim & A; 14 pkgs fur niture, W H Lemon; 1 car wheat, Voight O & S; 1 do corn, Irwin & Allen; 1 do oats, 1 do corn, Scott & G; 2 do do, S B Floyd; 1 do barley, Z Wadsworth.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.—2 cars stone, Lucy Furnace; 1 do lime, T P Henderson; 1 do apples, Voight M & Co; 1 do do, Loh & C; 1 do straw, W Frank & Son; 1 do do, Hood C & Co; 1 do do, W G Miller; 1 case paper, P B & N Co; 2 do gum, Kramer & V; 12 crts ware, Grove & B; 1 do do, J H Lincoln; 125 bgs oats, 46 do corn, W G Miller; 35 bbls flour, F W Jenkins; 2 do poultry, J C Pettit & Co; 14 do cider, Watt L & Co; 40 do & apples, Bricker & Co; 6 do do, Hood C & Co; 21 do do, H Rea Jr; 16 do p barley, J Porterfield & Co; 2 pkgs do, G W McClure; 8 d hogs, P Duff & Son; 22 kegs a butter, 3 tubs do, J O Brien; 3 do mdse, Voigt M & Co.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R.—21 cars coal, Sable Coal Co; 21 do do, Armstrong D & Co; 58 do do, N Y & C G C Co; 1 do hay, Scott & G; 1 do lumber, Dilworth P & Co; 1 do junk, W Lynch; 1 do clay, J Reese; 2 do bbls, Laidlaw & W; 47 bales hops, J White Jr; 1 box books, A H English & Co; 1 do do, P B & N Co; 2 g hides, 2 d do, 1 bdl do, A Kirkpatrick & Co; 15 g do, J Callery; 4 bbls tallow, 1 bx spelts, W Flaccus & Son; 3 pkgs butter, H F Bruggerman.

RIVER NEWS.

The river continues to recede steadily at this point, with eight feet four inches in the channel last evening. Weather mild and cloudy, and all that could be desired for out-door business.

There have been no arrivals from below as yet; the Carrie Brooks and Esperanza are among the missing.

The Bellevernon departed for Nashville last evening with a good trip, and engagements below.

The Esperanza is announced for Cincinnati and Louisville forth with.

The injunction in regard to the sinking of the Juniata will no doubt be found in our river dispatches.

No additional accidents to the coal fleet have been reported, and hopes are entertained that there is a good stage of water and calm weather, that the boats will get through safely.

Tuesday's St. Louis Democrat says the following is the total loss at the ore pile: Two barges from Montauk ore, and the other with James ore.—Capt. Dick Gray, of Pittsburgh, telegraphed for news of the barges Dove and Spearing, which broke loose from the pool in the Illinois, and was answered that they lay in twenty feet of water, and were turned over bottom down.

The Cincinnati Commercial of Tuesday says: The Juniata, the first boat down since the Ohio blockade, as far as Aurora, Indiana, left the Cincinnati wharf-boat at 9 o'clock, Monday. Passed very heavy ice on her way down. Several coal barges lying in the ice between Aurora and Lawrenceburg, Miami without being fastened. After arriving at Aurora we found it almost impossible to make a landing, but finally did, just below the mouth of the Miami, after losing the boat, for just as we had reached the landing the shore ice gave way, but passed without doing any harm to the boat.

The following officers will command and clerk the following steamers of the Cartec Line of St. Louis and Red River steamers for the ensuing year: Belle Rowland, Geo. H. Rea, master; A. A. Rowland, clerk. Belle of Shreveport, Thos. W. Rea, master; D. A. Doherman, clerk. Geo. C. Wolf, H. S. Carter, masters; Joseph Wiggins, clerk. Glasgow, W. P. Lamothe, master; W. P. Lamothe Jr. clerk. Mary E. Poe, Thomas Poe, master; John Poe, clerk. Lady Lee, Green F. Shields, master; Phil H. Huer, clerk. W. F. Carter, is superintendent, and Capt. Jas. Scott and L. F. Darcambal have been appointed agents.

About the last break-up at Madison, the Courier says: The steamer Henry Frohsin, in backing at the ship-yard, escaped with slight damage, owing to the almost superhuman efforts of the large number of men employed by the owners to save her, and the foresight they displayed in making her fast with heavy ½ inch iron chains, removed at great expense from the yard by an express purpose. The necessary expense of saving her will be the greatest loss she will sustain. She still is safely moored to the bank below the city.

The steamer Cherokee, with 600 bales of cotton on board, destined for New Orleans, the Memphis Wrecking Company's bell boats and the steamer Oil City were in a gorge in the Ohio deep around the wreck of the steamer Little Rock.

River men on the Wabash River are about to resume navigation, as a rise is eminent. The Young America and Try Us are at Terre Haute; Clinton at Darwin; Phœnix at Mount Carmel, Ill.; Vigo high and dry opposite Evansville; and Zanesville dismantled.

The steamer Ben Bolt, above Grand Gulf, on the Mississippi, the Indiana, picked up a snag which tore away her guard, the same one which on the trip previous she had repaired. She will clear at a cost of $500.

Rates of freight from Louisville to New Orleans are quoted as follows: Pork, 1.25@1.50; whisky, $2.00@2.50; flour, $1.00@1.25; potatoes, 40c; heavy round freight, 90@$1; light do., 60@65c; bar, $12; horses, $10; mules, $8.

The Tennessee River is 377 miles long; Cumberland River 688; Arkansas 1,040; Ouachita 494; Black River 60; St Francis 198 miles long.

No boat has arrived at Camden, Ark., the past season, and the place is nearly destitute of heavy goods. There is not a barrel of flour in the town.

For Latest River News see First Page.

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HARRISBURG.

The Nomination of Senator Cameron by the Caucus of Tuesday night.

ITS EFFECT UPON THE POLITICS OF THE STATE.

The First Bill Passed by the House of Representatives.

AN ATTEMPT TO REVIVE THE PASTING AND FOLDING BUSINESS.

An Act to Increase the Governor's Salary to Nine Thousand Dollars.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.
HARRISBURG, January 8, 1873.

THE SENATORIAL NOMINATION.

The result of the Senatorial caucus last night leaves plain sailing for the Legislature. All questions of a personal nature likely to prove embarrassing are now disposed of, and in strict accord with the plans of the political managers. The late canvass seems to have divided the Republican party of most of its unmanageable elements, and they are now out in the cold, shivering on the edge of the Democracy, while the faithful repose in conscious rectitude and virtue, within the lines of orthodoxy, subjecting the sweets that flow from political fidelity and an aversion to going off after strange gods. The result of the Senatorial caucus has undoubtedly consolidated the Republican party into a more compact organization than ever before, and has placed Senator Cameron at its head, with undisputed leadership. Among the active politicians of the State there are very few anti-Cameron men to-day. In addition, this election will undoubtedly add to the senator's influence at Washington, and remove all opposition to him as to his being the chosen representative of the Republican party of the State. In this way it will have its effect on the distribution of the patronage that flows from the Federal Government.

In the joint caucus, last night, there were only seven absentees, and these had no reference whatever to the Senatorial question. They were merely accidental. The absentees were Messrs. Millhim, of Somerset; Strickler, of Lawrence, Dart, of Bradford, Bruggee, of Wyoming, Wilcox, of Erie, Daniels, of Philadelphia, and Henry, of Cambria. Ex-Speaker Davis, of Philadelphia, who nominated Judge Kelley, over which some of the Cameron people feel pretty sore, did not vote. Several of some of the prominent citizens of that city, and not because he himself had any disposition to "go back" on General Cameron. Those who voted for Judge Kelley were Senator Buckalew, of Philadelphia, Ballard, of Delaware; Cross, of Berks, and McKee, of Butler. Senator Warfel and Representative Burkholder, of Lancaster, voted for Professor J. F. Wickersham, Superintendent of Public Instruction, as will the rest of the Republican members—sixty-five in number—voted for Senator Cameron's nomination, and Senator Davis eagerly availed himself of the opportunity to move the nomination be made unanimous. The following shows the vote:

Whole number Republican votes	78
Senator Cameron received	65
Wm. D. Kelly	4
J. P. Wickersham	4
Absentees	5

"All present or accounted for." Senator Cameron was in Washington when the nomination was made, but "Don" entertained the members and the general public in fine style at the Lochiel, after the caucus adjourned, over the joyful event.

Mr. Tower's headquarters have been broken up and it is now said he has never been a candidate, and he has also had the grace to withdraw Senatorial contest, but that the movement on his behalf was to cover some other legislative operations in which the use of his name was a convenience.

INCREASE OF THE GOVERNOR'S SALARY.

The first bill presented to the House this session came from Mr. Handy Smith, of Philadelphia, to-day, increasing the salary of the Governor of the state from five thousand to ten thousand dollars per annum. This is in accordance with a recommendation in Governor Geary's message, and prompt action was urged on the bill as, under the Constitution, in order to affect Governor Hartranft's salary it must be passed before the new Governor goes into office. What the character of the bill became generally understood, the Democratic members took ground against it, with the exception of Sam Josephs, of Philadelphia. The figure surprised a good many Republicans that it was not entered some increase and yet were not prepared to go as high as ten thousand dollars. The bill was hurried through the preliminary stages, but when it came to final passage was defeated by a vote of forty-two nays to forty-four ayes. This was a surprise to the members who had the bill in charge. Speaker Elliott seemed thunderstruck. The vote was reconsidered on motion of Mr. Meyer, of Bradford, who moved to fix the salary at nine thousand dollars. A lively debate sprung up on the merits of the question, in which the Democrats generally opposed the increase, on the puerile ground that it was not in issue at the last election. The Speaker came down on the floor, and made a vigorous speech in favor of the original sum named, in which, with very bad taste, he scored the Republican members roundly who voted against the two thousand dollars. Of his motion was carried by a vote of nine thousand dollars per annum, by yeas 1, nays 44. On the final passage of the bill the vote was yeas 60, nays 39.

The debate was quite spirited. Messrs. Orvis, Brockway, Lawson and Lawshe opposed the bill, while it was warmly defended by Speaker Elliott, Mahon, Hancock of Philadelphia and others. A good deal of the argument may be summed up in the general declaration that it was a burning shame the great and magnificent State of Pennsylvania should pay its Governor the paltry sum of five thousand dollars, while in large cities many book clerks as well as county and city officials, made that sum or more. It also came out in the debate that Governor Geary's salary would have been increased three years ago had it not been for unfortunate differences between the Governor and the majority of the Legislature.

It is undoubtedly true that the Governor's salary has been too low, but as to whether an increase of four thousand dollars per annum is excessive or not, people will differ. It should also be borne in mind that the Governor resides in a mansion provided for him by the State, which is also furnished in fine style by the State, from the attic to the cellar.

A BAD BUSINESS COMMENCED.

In the Senate, Senator Mackey, of Clarion, made a movement to provide for some of the legislative hangers-on, by adding to the list of clerks and pasters and folders, the names of four or five persons. This is simply an outrage, and it is to be hoped the good sense of the Senate will reject the proposition. If adopted, the resolution will override the law passed a few years ago, when the people of the whole State became indignant at the paster and folder abuse. It is an attempt to keep up that costly absurdity. If Mackay's resolution passes, of course other Senators will seek to provide for their friends, and the law limiting the number of officials will become a dead letter. The debut of the Clarion City lad, unfortunate General White opposed any increase in the officers of the Senate with a great deal of vigor. The resolution was laid over, and will come up for final action next week.

THE MESSAGE.

The ponderous message of Governor Geary was read in the Senate to-day, at length. The House received it, but did not attempt to read the document.

Eight messages were also received from the Governor vetoing laws passed by the last Legislature. The most important of the vetoed bills is the Congressional apportionment and the bill to create a Board of Fish Commissioners.

CLERK HAMMERSLEY.

In the Senate, Mr. Graham offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Wallace:

WHEREAS, George W. Hammersly has voluntarily retired from the chief clerkship of the Senate, after a period of service (with occasional exceptions) covering a third of a century, in which he has uniformly commanded the approval of the Senate by the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged his official duties; therefore

Resolved, That the Senate hereby records its high appreciation of Mr. Hammersly as one of the most faithful of its officers, and its gratitude to him that in his retirement he bears with him the kindest wishes of its members without distinction of party.

On the call of the yeas and nays the resolution received the votes of every Senator present that were present. The expression is a flattering one, but it is merited. ARCTIC.

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SENATE.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

Resolutions to open the returns of the election for Governor, for an amendment to the Constitution relative to the State Treasurer, and a committee to make arrangements for the inauguration of the Governor, were passed. Also, a resolution eulogistic of Geo. W. Hamersly, the retiring Clerk of the Senate.

OPPOSITION TO THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH SYSTEM.

Mr. RUTAN offered a joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our members to vote against any proposition authorizing the General Government to assume control of the telegraph lines of the country. Referred.

ADDITIONAL SUBORDINATE OFFICERS.

Mr. MACLAY offered a resolution to increase the number of subordinate officers of the Senate. The resolution was postponed.

VETOES.

Numerous vetoes from the Governor were presented, and laid over for the present.

Adjourned until Tuesday at 11 o'clock.

HOUSE.

THE GOVERNOR'S SALARY INCREASED.

After the reading of the Journal, Mr. SMITH, of Philadelphia, read a bill to increase the Governor's salary to $10,000.

The bill was going through on a viva voce vote, but on a call of the yeas and nays, it was laid over. This was reconsidered. The bill was amended to $9,000 per annum, and passed the House by a vote of sixty to thirty.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The annual message of the Governor was received; also several veto messages of bills passed last year.

The Governor's reason for vetoing the apportionment bill is to meet the changes made necessary in that bill by Congress. The first bill was regarded as a measure calculated to benefit the whole people, and surprise is expressed that it was not signed.

Both Houses have adjourned till next Tuesday, in order to give the Speakers time to form their committees. B.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

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General Meade remained in the regular army until the time of his death. He was an accomplished gentleman, possessing a highly cultivated intellect, sound judgment, and great integrity of character. But it is to his distinguished services upon the soil of Pennsylvania, which has so intimately identified his memory with the defence of the nation, in the hour of its extremest peril, that I invoke your special attention. Pennsylvania cannot, will not be ungrateful for such services. She will desire, with appropriate honors, to perpetuate the fame of her departed chieftain. I recommend an appropriation for the erection of a monument to his memory upon the battle-field of Gettysburg, and such other legislation as will be adequate to the occasion and honorable to the Commonwealth.

PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS AND EXECUTIONS.

No department of the State government has imposed upon it such difficult and embarrassing duties, or such weighty and disagreeable responsibilities, as the pardoning power devolves upon the Executive.

That a few pardons may have been unworthily granted, through the misrepresentations of relatives, neighbors, or other *interested* parties, or even by *others*, after wards discovered to have been designedly false, may be frankly conceded, and that some who, perhaps, were more deserving, have been refused, from want of proper representation of facts, may be equally true; still I feel assured that I have faithfully performed my duty in such cases, and have exercised the executive only when the facts and circumstances seemed to imperatively demand the interposition of Executive clemency. In this, I have endeavored to adopt and enforce the views entertained by the framers of our Constitution, who never contemplated an indiscriminate use of the pardoning power, but designed it for the correction of errors and oppressions; cases of after discovered evidence; inequalities of sentence for identical offences; the furtherance of justice by uncovering crime, and other instances strongly exceptional in their character.

Soon after entering upon the duties of the Executive office, I deemed it important that the public should be more fully informed upon the subject of pardons, than they had previously been. I then introduced, for the first time in this State, an annual pardon report, containing the names of the petitioners, and an epitome of the reasons addressed for each case of relief from the sentence of the law. Since then, similar reports have been made in other States, and the practice, divesting the exercise of the pardoning prerogative of all secrecy, seems to have received very general approbation.

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From a memorial prepared and submitted to the commission by Mr. Thurston, it is manifest that the project is one of the very highest importance to the whole country, directly concerned, and indirectly of great interest to the whole country. The claims of this subject to your prompt and favorable consideration, and that of congress, will hardly be questioned, when it is remembered that it is presented by gentlemen who represent one-half of the population of the country; that the people, who would be directly or indirectly benefited by the contemplated improvement, possess one-half of its cultivated lands, raise sixty per cent. of its agricultural products, breed sixty per cent. of its live stock, own fifty per cent. of the capital invested in farming improvements and manufactures, and therefore paid thirty-five per cent. of its internal taxation, and contributed a corresponding share toward the payment of the National debt.

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I would further recommend that your "Committee on Federal Relations" consider the propriety of asking Congress to make an appropriation for such necessary expenses of the National Commissioners as will enable them to work with efficiency. The members are national officers charged with a trust of great responsibility and engaged in an enterprise in which the reputation of the country is directly involved.

Our Government, which expended a large sum of money in promoting the Paris exhibition, certainly will not treat the agents to whom it has committed the task of preparing a memorial of its birth upon its own soil, in the form of an International Exhibition of the Arts of Modern Civilization, with such parsimony as would deprive them of their proper influence, dignity and independence.

The State Commissioners heretofore appointed under the acts of the Legislature have made no report of their transactions, and may not yet have found their proper sphere of usefulness. They can render much service to the United States Commissioners, and to the Board of Finance, by obtaining subscriptions of stock, and promoting such organization of the industries of the State as would contribute to the success of the exhibition, and present an appropriate display of the wealth and resources of the Commonwealth.

This great national enterprise appeals as well to local pride as to common patriotism; it must be successful—the nation has decreed it; and since to Pennsylvania has been assigned the honor of having the celebration take place on her soil, she must and will see to it that it shall not fail. I, therefore, confidently solicit for it not only your aid, but also the thoughtful and zealous support of all social, industrial, scientific, educational and religious associations, and that of all good citizens, who have at heart the honor, perpetuity, and happiness of our common country.

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The enterprise, which cannot fail to interest the whole country, must prove unusually attractive to Philadelphians, and scarcely less so to the whole people of the Commonwealth; and it is certainly to be expected that they will be properly solicitous for its earnestness and zeal in its support. The city PROPER must be borne all the expenses attending the organization and meetings of the United States Commissioners, and having given them a most gracefully distinctive and liberal hospitality, it may be well now to consider what the State may do to advance the cause, and what further action or aid in the premises may be expected from the General Government.

Naturally desiring to have no financial trusts in this connection and feeling the need of an executive arm capable of performing the many business functions essential to the success of the undertaking, the National Commissioners asked and sought to authorize the organization of a corporation, under the title of the "Centennial Board of Finance," with a capital stock amounting to ten million dollars, divided into shares of ten dollars each, with the power of acquiring and holding such real and personal estate as may be needed in carrying into effect the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1871.

An act embodying these privileges was promptly passed by Congress, June 1, 1871, and books for the subscription of the capital stock have been opened in each State and Territory, and the organization of the Board of Finance will probably be completed before the adjournment of the Legislature.

The quota of stock allotted to Pennsylvania will be promptly taken, and more than this its people cannot do, until the hundred days, prior to the organization of the Board of Finance, in which the subscription books are required to be kept open in each State and Territory, shall have elapsed; after which time all stock not taken, should, if not called for by others, be promptly subscribed by our citizens.

Under the eleventh article of the Constitution the State is prohibited from subscribing for stocks or lending its credit for any other object than the payment of its own debt, or for the purpose of military defence. But it can and should make such a special donation as would inspire popular confidence, excite the emulation of States, and insure the prompt commencement of the work upon a scale commensurate with its importance.

The eighth section of the original act of Congress authorizing the exhibition, provides "that whenever the President shall be informed by the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania that provision has been made for the erection of suitable buildings for the purpose, and for the exclusive control by the commission herein provided for, of the proposed exposition, the President shall, through the Department of State, make proclamation of the same, setting forth the time at which the exhibition will open and the place at which it shall be held; and he shall communicate to the diplomatic representatives of all nations copies of the same, together with such regulations as may be adopted by the commissioners, for publication in their respective countries."

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HOME [illegible].

Several rooms [illegible] corner of Sixth and [illegible] For terms, &c., apply [illegible] room.

Meeting. [illegible]rs.

There will be a meeting of soldiers and sailors of the late war, held at G. A. R. Hall, Nos. 102 and 104 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, this Thursday evening, at 7½ o'clock, for the purpose of taking such action concerning the new soldiers and sailors Homestead Bill, now pending in the United States Senate, as may be deemed advisable. The attendance of all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, who can be present is desired, as the matter for consideration is one of general interest.

Directors Elected.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Improvement Trust Company held yesterday, the following Board of Directors was elected:

PRESIDENT—Josiah Reamer.
DIRECTORS.

Thos. J. Burchfield,	J. H. Miller,
Henry A. Weaver,	D. C. Thompson,
E. W. Sweetzel,	Wm. B. Sterritt,
Henry A. Freyvogel,	Jas. W. Campbell.
J. L. Marshall,	

Lecture To-night.

To-night, at Library Hall, our citizens will be enabled to enjoy a rich, scholarly and interesting treat, being the lecture of Bret Harte on his famous subject "The Argonauts of '49." The meaning of the title to the gold seekers who went to the Pacific coast at the outbreak of the gold excitement in 1849. The lecture abounds in rare anecdote, and is an interesting history of the habits, customs and daily life of the miners. It has been very highly recommended by the eastern press, and we trust a large and fine audience will greet the poet of the Pacific to-night at Library Hall. Prof. Toergs's band will be present before the lecture is begun, and enliven the proceedings with their delightful music.

An Acceptable Testimonial.

New Year's day, 1873, was made a day of pleasant memory to our young friend, John F. Baxter, formerly an "Allegheny boy," but now with his father, Mr. James Baxter, in charge of the Confluence Station, Pittsburgh, Washington and Baltimore road. The conductors and trainmen employes of the road, who have been indebted to "Johnny" for many favors and kindly courtesies, took occasion on that day to express their appreciation of his accommodating spirit and general worth, by uniting in the presentation of a superb gold watch and chain, the presentation ceremony consisting of the usual fraternal interchanges of sentiment. Our young friend has a great penchant for "railroading" and considering his years is said to have no superior in practical knowledge of the business, and bids fair to take a place among the leaders in that department of activities. If he has in any degree justified the bright expectations entertained of him by acquaintances here, he is certainly deserving of success and was probably a most worthy principal for the pleasant episode we have recorded.

ONE TOO MANY.

Charged With Bigamy.

Annie Williams appeared before Squire McMasters, and made information yesterday, charging David Price alias Williams, with bigamy. She alleges that about a year ago she was married to him, after which he lived with her some three months. About six months ago he married a widow named Mrs. Morgan, with whom he has lived ever since without a few squares of her house. Price was arrested and remanded to jail for a hearing.

A HASTY MARRIAGE.

A Music Teacher's Love—How It Ended.

Yesterday, at Alderman O'Donnell's, the daughter of a well known citizen of the Ninth ward appeared and requested the arrest of a well known music teacher of Allegheny City, on the charge of seduction under promise of marriage, the having been her music teacher for some time past. The Squire complied with her request, and the constable went at once and made his unwelcome call upon the Professor of the "balm that will soothe savage beasts." He complied with a remarkable alacrity, and was at the office in a very short time. The Alderman explained how matters stood, and the Professor, with music in his soul, consented to be joined in connubial bliss. The matter was thus satisfactorily settled, the happy maiden groom going one way and the wife another.

THE U. S. MARSHAL.

Dapt. Hall Inducted into Office—Compliments from the Court.

In the United States Circuit and District Courts yesterday morning, Judges M'Kennan and McCandless on the bench, Capt. John Hall, the newly appointed United States Marshal for this District, appeared and filed his bond in the sum of $20,000 with the late Marshal Alex. Murdoch, and Robert Lufton as sureties. The bond was approved by the Court.

Judge M'Kennan then complimented Marshal Murdock upon the able and satisfactory discharge of his public duties, both during the administration of Mr. Lincoln and Gen. Grant, and after administering to the new marshal the oath required by law, presented him with his commission and, congratulating him on his promotion, remarked that he felt assured the President could have made no better selection, or Mr. Murdoch have a more worthy successor, as he had, by the faithful discharge of his duties as deputy marshal, and his pleasing and satisfactory manner of transacting business, gained the confidence of the court, and secured the esteem of all with whom he had been called into business relations.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Meeting of the Fire Commission—Provisions for the Fourth Side—The Appropriation for Next Year—Bonds to be Issued.

Yesterday afternoon the Fire Commission held their regular monthly meeting, at their rooms, Municipal Hall, a full representation being present.

After the usual preliminary routine business, a committee, consisting of Messrs. White, Fullwood and Hays, was appointed to locate and purchase sites for the proposed new engine houses for the South side.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Wilson, McElroy, Torley, Stewart and Pitcairn was appointed to contract for the proposed new engines —five in number.

The matter of funds for the Department was next considered, when it was stated that the Finance Committee had agreed to recommend a cash appropriation of $100,000 to meet the current expenses of the Department during 1873, and also to allow the Department to issue bonds to the amount of $200,000, payable in fifteen years, the proceeds of which should be applied to the extension of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, purchase of engines, &c., &c.

Warrants were ordered for sundry small bills, and the meeting adjourned.

BREVITIES.

....The work house is so crowded at present that forty convicts have to sleep on the floor of the wings.

....The Mayor yesterday sent five men to the work house for loafing on the corners with out visible means of support, and intends to continue his raid upon suspicious characters.

....Prof. E. H. Eaton, at the late anniversary of his Sabbath School, received a valuable goodheaded cane. The presentation was made by John A. Myler, Esq., in a happy speech.

....Mrs. Wilson, an elderly lady, fell on Western avenue last evening and broke her leg. She was taken to her residence on Manhattan street, where she received medical attention.

....Last evening the store of Mr. Edward Ruffenbach, on Carson street, near Thirteenth, was entered by sneak thieves while the family were at supper and $20 abstracted from the till.

....A slight fire occurred yesterday morning at the store of Mrs. Richards, on Market street, between the Diamond and Fourth avenue. The fire was extinguished without calling out the department.

....A shoemaker named McKain, on Arch street, Allegheny, inflicted a very severe gash on his left arm, yesterday by the slipping of his knife, while working at his bench. Dr. B. B. Smith attended him.

....Yesterday John Joice appeared in the Common Pleas for a writ of *Habeus Corpus* to secure the custody of his three children, Francis and Elizabeth, whom he says are unlawfully by Samuel Corbis of the Twentieth Ward.

....While a number of boys were playing on Montgomery avenue, Allegheny, yesterday afternoon, one of them, a little girl, was run through the cheek of a companion named Thompson. Dr. Walter Ure attended the injured lad.

....Capt. W. F. Herbert, Secretary of the Western Insurance Company, yesterday morning received a dispatch, announcing that the steamer Juniata, owned in this city, had been sunk by the ice at Aurora, Indiana. Particulars will be seen in another column.

....Mr. Harry Wallace of Smith's Ferry, and agent for the DAILY GAZETTE, is a young man worthy of all the encouragement the citizens of this town can bestow on. We hope they will see that he is sustained in his effort of trying to furnish them with all the latest news.

....Mr. John Hubley made a bad speculation at the horse market yesterday. He purchased three horses and engaged a boy to lead them home. At the corner of Twentieth and Penn street, one of the horses laid down, gave a convulsive gasp, and a parting kick, and died.

....A team of four horses attached to a coal wagon ran away on Penn street yesterday afternoon. When near Sixteenth street, one of the animals fell into a hole in the street, and had one leg broken. The horse was subsequently shot. We could not ascertain the owner's name.

....Joseph Dornberger, a dairyman, residing on Gazzam's Run, was kicked in the abdomen by a horse on Tuesday morning, and so severely injured that his life is despaired of. The left side of his face was crushed in, and an eye kicked out. The injury was received while he was attending to his horse in a blacksmith shop in Millvale.

....A few days ago a child residing in the upper part of Allegheny, near Federal street, died from the effects of eating a fancy cake, purchased at the baker's. The cake had been variegated on the top with annaline,—a coloring matter that is very poisonous, and which by some mistake had been used instead of cochineal, which is the usual article used.

....A regular meeting of the Allegheny Lodge No. 151, K. of P. was held last evening, at which the following officers were installed: V. P. J., Harry Holland; W. C., John J. Flecke; V. C. C., F. Henderson; D. S. D., S. Simpson; R. S., W. H. Warnick; E. H., C. Duggan; B. Y., John W. Grubbs; J. S., John McC. Ludwick; O. S., Thos. Myler. Trustees A. H. Holmes and Cyrus Ludwick; R. G. I., Thomas Myler.

....The following gentlemen have been elected Directors of the Allegheny Real Estate Savings Bank to serve during the ensuing year: John Dean, Hugh M'Neill, John Megraw, Addison Lysle, Robert Taggart, James Morgan, Jacob Kopp, Alexander Patterson. This institution, though one of our youngest Banks, has met with remarkable success under the administration of President Dean and the Directors, who have been seconded in their efforts by the business sagacity of Capt. Wm. Porter, the Cashier. The bank is now regarded as one of the safest and most accomodating in the city, and commences a new year with the most cheering prospects.

DEATH WARRANTS.

1. GEORGE GRANT. Sentenced January 31, 1872, by the court of oyer and terminer of Chester county, for the murder of Amanda R. Speece. Warrant issued September 11. Executed at West Chester, November 13, 1872.

2. MICHAEL MCGINLEY. Sentenced September 4, 1872, by the court of oyer and terminer of Cambria county, for the murder of Anna E. Moore. Warrant issued October 17. Executed at Ebensburg, November 27, 1872.

The numbers average a little more than one per diem during the sessions, and all of which, with the exception of four, were sustained by the Legislature. In addition to my six annual messages, I have also transmitted to the Legislature one hundred and five special communications.

The period for official intercourse and relations with the General Assembly having almost arrived, I may properly avail myself of this opportunity to acknowledge the general courtesy I have received from the successive Legislatures with whom I have had the honor to hold official intercourse, and to express the profound sense of gratitude I entertain toward the people of my native State, for the many honors they have conferred upon me, and still more for the steadfast confidence with which they have supported me, and sustained my administration.

To Hon. Francis Jordan, Secretary of State; Hon. Frederick Carl Hoover, Attorney General; Hon. James P. Wickersham, Superintendent of Schools, and General Alexander Russell, Adjutant General, I tender my warmest and special thanks for their hearty accord and energetic support. Upon the tablet of gratitude for their personal fidelity, but a sincere and heart felt commendation to the people, for the able, efficient and eminently satisfactory manner in which they have performed all the duties that have been devolved upon them by their several functionaries. Col. Benj. F. Lee, my Private Secretary, and his assistant, Col. William C. Armor, are deserving of honorable mention for their zealous and faithful execution of my orders. My thanks are also due, and are earnestly tendered, to the clergy and other appointees in the several departments for their uniform courtesy and the zeal manifested by them for the public good.

It affords me peculiar satisfaction to feel that my official honors and responsibilities are shortly to be transferred into the hands of a gentleman, who will sacredly guard the one, and faithfully discharge the other. Major General John F. Hartranft has signally illustrated his courage and patriotism on many bitterly contested fields of battle; and qualities, that have made his reputation as a soldier, have been no less conspicuous in the pursuits of civil life. He will bring to the discharge of his duties a large and valuable experience in the management of public affairs; and all that is known of his antecedents may be regarded as a garanty for that confidence of the people who have elevated him to the Gubernatorial Chair by so large a majority I bespeak for him your hearty co-operation in guarding and advancing the public interests, and I earnestly invoke Heaven's choicest blessings upon the people of Pennsylvania—that their abundance may never be diminished—and that her honored name may shine in the galaxy of the American Union with increasing splendor forever.

JNO. W. GEARY.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Harrisburgh, Pa., January 8, 1873.

PARDON REPORT.

Below will be found such portions of Governor Geary's message relating to pardons granted during the year, as are of interest to parties in this portion of the State, together with the Governor's reasons for granting the same:

JOHN LENNOX. Washington county. Murder in the Second Degree. May 25, 1867. Eight years in Western Penitentiary. Pardoned November 27, 1871. Reasons: Lennox has already suffered an imprisonment of over six years; he is now over fifty years of age and in failing health; the crime was committed during great political excitement, and under great provocation; the sentence of the community in which the crime occurred is favorable to his pardon, and the ends of justice have been fully subserved by the punishment already inflicted.

WILLIAM CLINTON. Allegheny county. Adultery. July 15, 1871. One hundred dollars fine and six months in county work house. Pardoned July 26, 1871, but fine not remitted. Reasons: The defendant had always been an upright citizen; he has been amply punished for the crime alleged to have been committed; and Hon. Edwin S. Stowe, Associate Law Judge, writes: "I believe Mr. Clinton has been sadly humiliated by the failure of this prosecution, and I feel convinced, from what I have heard since the sentence, that the matter was only pushed on as a means, or because of a failure to secure more money."

JOHN NEWELL. Allegheny county. Mayhem. July 5, 1871. Fifty dollars fine and six-teen months in Western Penitentiary. Pardoned January 26. Reasons: Newell committed the offence which led to his conviction, in a desperate conflict involving his life with a man notorious for his quarrelsome disposition and fighting propensities; the evidence offered by the Commonwealth did not justify a conviction for any greater crime than assault and battery, and was of such doubtful character that the defendant was fully acquitted by the petit jurors before conviction was had; the entire jury recommend his release.

JEREMIAH FORCE. Allegheny county. Selling Lottery Tickets. February 10, 1872. Five hundred dollars fine and nine months in county work-house. Pardoned February 27. Reasons: Force is sixty years old and in ill health; his physician, S. J. Furlough, has made affidavit that he is suffering from a severe bronchial and lung disease and that close confinement will unquestionably hasten his death. He has always ranked as a respectable and reliable citizen; he did not think he was amenable to the law, having taken out a license from the United States Government to sell lottery tickets. The pros